Diamonds in the Gutter

June 18, 2025

Report on life found within a mutual hub in Florida in the wake of Hurricane Milton. Originally posted to *Mutual Aid Disaster Relief*.

A young man enters a resilience hub in search of food, and before the moon wanes, initiates a wetlands restoration program giving mangroves another chance to protect the whole region from the impact of extreme weather once again.

The couple across the way, living out of their vehicle since hurricane Milton flooded their home, the young woman who survived two hurricanes (and the subsequent contractor scams), and the women who work the street next to the freedom center, are the ones fostering and feeding the non-human creatures impacted by the storms and bottomlining the animal survivor program.

A non-binary person enters an autonomous wellness center not having eaten in two months. Nobody violates their bodily autonomy. Their vitals are checked frequently by volunteer trained medical personnel acting within their scope of practice. Expert doctors in the field communicate directly to the patient about potential risks and the person freely decides what care they receive, and after a few days of healing the wellness center has another sound healing practitioner, this one specializing in sikh chanting and prayer.

An elder experiencing homelessness and drug addiction raids a mutual aid center of narcan and saves a dozen lives at trap houses and on the street. When he returns to the resilience center dehydrated needing electrolytes, he is cheered as a hero instead of trespassed from the property.

An older seeker with a lifetime of work experience in emergency preparedness and crisis response walks into a beloved community space questioning the values of his institution, and after a couple hours of good food and better conversation, he walks out with zines: some documenting crimes committed by oil companies covered up by government agencies, others exposing war atrocities and crimes against humanity perpetrated by the confluence of I.D.F. and kahane terrorists, and still others offering eloquent treatises on the anarchist case against terrorism (whether with or without a badge to hide accountability behind).

A disaster survivor carrying within the winds and waves of hurricane Katrina and a dozen other named storms, but whose real trauma comes from psychiatric abuse in dozens of carceral psychiatric institutions turns off the laptop, says the nonprofit auditors and government regulators can wait, gives a big welcoming hug to the children of the permaculture gardener watering the new sunflower, squash, and moringa sprouts, and together they make a sign that says, “toy store” knowing in this one everything (and everyone) is free.

People create art, poetry, and music about tearing down walls, but it’s actually the hurricanes themselves and avocado trees who knocked down the local police station’s walls.

A black liberation army movement elder’s words, “You can always tell who the real revolutionaries are because they do the dishes” have no kitchen sink to be written above, but they echo in the air like a powerful whirlwind as the man who overdosed three days ago is taking out the trash and vacuuming the center, and everybody here knows all of us are the real revolutionaries, regardless of whether the words used to describe these activities by friends or enemies are intense ones like revolution, intifada, insurrection, or even civil war, or gentler words like public health, solidarity, care, kindness, and love.

When tears flow freely from any of these co-creators of mutual aid disaster relief in Tampa, big feels are honored, seen not only as nonpathological, but sacred, and fully capable of breaking any and every colonial, capitalist, white-supremacist, patriarchal, shock

Elwha Forest Defenders Forced to Leave Woods After Attacks from Violent Vigilantes, Police and Government Technology

June 18, 2025

Report from ongoing forest defense campaign in the Elwha Watershed. Originally posted to social media here.

On Sunday night, the blockade of the Parched timber sale in the Elwha Watershed was dismantled in response to a violent vigilante who pulled a gun on forest defenders, threatening to shoot them and firing shots in the forest. This shocking and disturbing final event came after several days of a slew of different kinds of attacks and repression.

The Parched timber sale is attempting to log 192 acres near two rivers in the Elwha Watershed. The sale targets legacy forest comprising large, mature Douglas Fir, Red Cedar, Western Hemlock and Big Leaf Maple and a diverse understory. For almost a year, local community members have been resisting this project, and more recently, some of those community members decided to put their bodies on the line to stop it. For over a month they have lived in a tree-sit on the side of the road, preventing logging vehicles from entering.

The breakdown began on Monday June 9th when the campaign ProtonMail email account was shut down due to an investigation by the Swiss government. This caused the unfortunate loss of campaign infrastructure, such as lists of supporters and journalists, and disabled communication.

On Friday June 13th, police of unknown affiliation came to raid the support camp underneath the tree-sitter. They seized tents, sleeping bags, mats, pots, cooking gear, water filters, bear spray, communications gear, and more. This seizure forced ground support to continue camping without adequate gear in order to ensure the treesitter's safety, resulting in a survival situation for the supporters that night.

One person present for the raid said, "We were peacefully camping before the cops swept their camp, a very aggressive move in an open recreation area where dozens of community members had been each day. The police confiscated everything as it was, including carrying out hot bowls of oatmeal instead of pouring them out. The sweep put the safety of the sitter at risk by exposing them to worse violent treatment and threats, which is ironic, given the police earlier said they prioritized the sitter's safety."

Local community members quickly rallied to reprovision camp and support the tree sit, donating money and supplies and hiking through the cover of darkness to ensure essentials made it to camp without being intercepted by police.

> Port Angeles, WA - Forest defenders have launched a blockade this morning in order to halt the clearcut logging of one of the last low-elevation mature forests in the Elwha Watershed.
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> — Alissa Azar (@alissaazar.bsky.social) 2025-05-08T18:20:34.906Z

On Saturday night, a new opposition arrived: a truck and two ATVs attempted to tamper with the anchor line of the tree-sit and damage the tripod, both of which were holding a person's life. They harrassed and threatened the people on the ground and in the air, appearing to be drunk and throwing around empty bottles. They left late into the night.

On Sunday evening, after another wave of support came from town to repair the tripod and tree-sit, yet another group came up on an ATV with a winch. A supporter recounted, "At dusk, about a half mile from the sit and still hiking, I could hear a woman's voice screaming, "We're coming back!" I started to run up the road and as I approached the wrecked tripod, a black late model Jeep turned the headlights on and started to drive towards me. [The driver] got out of the car and I was able to see two children and a woman. He came running over at me threatening to kill me. I ignored him and continued to walk to the tree to see if the sitter was ok."

The vigilante attached his winch to the anchor line and dragged it off the road. This was immensely dangerous to the tree-sitter, and could have been fatal. The sitter's platform fell multiple inches. After, the man drove around shooting a gun into the air before pointing the gun at a forest defender, walking at them aggressively, and threatening to shoot.

The danger presented by the family and their dismantling of the blockade caused the forest defenders to choose to safely evacuate. However, forest defenders maintain that the resistance to logging remains strong.

"The most central thing that happened here wasn't the fact that someone was living in a tree. It was that a group of people came in closer contact with the Earth through joy and grief and interfering with the forces that do Earth harm—in this case, through logging."

"Our commitment to defend the forests and waters of the Olympic Peninsula remains strong," stated the forest defenders. "To the vigilantes, the DNR cops, and state-sponsored repression, we say: You did not dig up our roots. We are still here. Stop pillaging our people. Stop pillaging our forests. Stop pillaging our waters. Our movement has not been uprooted. It is just beginning to grow."

photo via Instagram

A Victory Statement: The Anarchist Block Party

June 18, 2025

Report on recent anti-ICE block party in Phoenix, AZ. Originally posted to *Saguaros & Sabotage*.

Last night in the streets of

downtown Phoenix, a hundred of the valley's troublemakers and anarchists secured a victory for their communities against the occupying Phoenix Police Department. Roosevelt Row was taken back for the people between 4th and 2nd, with no traffic control or intervention by PPD. All of that was handled by the protesters with whatever barricades or cones could be found around the area.

The people on the street Saturday proved that you need nobody's permission to act. You don't need a permit, or an organization, to represent yourself and your beliefs on the street. In an era where social networking and communication have been so decentralized to the point of the individuals voice being amplified to hundreds or thousands of onlookers online the cadre and logistical apparatuses loaned to us by organizations are obsolete.

> last night was a massive success. phoenix anarchists turned out in numbers. they seized and barricaded multiple intersections for several hours in solidarity with the risings against ICE across the country! 🏴🔥
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> — gaybe🏴 (@gabe161.bsky.social) 2025-06-16T03:08:12.699Z

This was a victory for the modern world over the old way of doing things, an expression of the power wielded by neighbors, friends, and comrades NOT parties, NGOs, or clubs. Under the black flag of anarchy, a neighborhood was liberated for but a moment from the police. The people on the streets but also the people in the bars and sidewalks around us were in the hands of their fellow men and not clenched within the institutional fist of their normal existence. This was but a taste of the way we could all live, all of the time, if we choose to embrace what we know to be real over what we've been told to believe in.

We know the bonds intimately that weave our lives into the communities because we feel them. We have to be instructed on the place that police, the state, the managers and the politicians have carved for themselves within our lives, out of our time, our sweat, and our blood.
If Saturday night showed someone that they can reclaim that all, and return what is theirs to themself, it is a step forward in the revolution.

From Embers: Black Oak Anarchist Social Space

June 18, 2025

Anarchist podcast *From Embers* speaks with someone involved in the new Black Oak anarchist social space in Hamilton, ON.

An interview with one of the collective members behind Black Oak Anarchist Social Space, which launched in Hamilton in Spring 2025. From their website:

> Black Oak is an anarchist social space in Hamilton, Ontario. It aims to be a resource for anarchists in the area that we can actively shape to meet our needs. It is also a point of entry for those interested in anarchist ideas of direct action, mutual aid, solidarity, voluntary association, prefiguration, equality, and autonomy. The space can be booked for events that align with our values, and it also hosts regular drop-in hours for discussion and access to the book lending library, zine library, and distro. To learn more about what the space is for, visiting the space, and accessibility, visit our About page.

For upcoming events, go here.

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Ritual as Resistance: 18 Stories of Defending the Sacred

June 17, 2025

Long-time anarchist author and organizer Cindy Milstein presents another collection of stories on the intersections of ritual and resistance.

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We make our own sacred spaces — spaces on no maps — through repeated rituals of resistance whose meanings stretch beyond borders. Because our "grief knows no borders."

Last year, I saw those four words in an Instagram post. They were painted on a banner carried by Jews outside the US Embassy in Jerusalem during a solidarity demo to collectively mourn Palestinians who, mere miles away, had been murdered by the Israeli Occupation Forces in Gaza — in a genocide that continues unabated. Soon after, across oceans and seas, on the one-year anniversary of forest defender Tortuguita's murder by Georgia State Police in so-called Atlanta, some of us borrowed those same words for a banner at a "ritual of remembrance" (see number 12 below). The banner later became the basis for altars during Palestinian solidarity gatherings, and later still, at a university encampment.

Our rituals and ceremonies bring us into otherworldly realms, beyond the imposed time-space of colonialism and capitalism, states and fascism. For millennia, people have relied on rituals and ceremonies to interweave themselves fully into ecosystems with their seasons and cycles, including in nonlinear ways. To continually tell and reinterpret their own stories, drawing out lessons and ethics within them to make sense of shifting contexts or new dilemmas. To share and pass on memories, whether the wisdom of

ancestors, spirits, nonhuman kin, gods or ghosts, or their own cultures and lifeways. To make routine space to collectively hold all the joys and sorrows of life. To aid in mending themselves through intricate mystical, magical, communal, and frequently somatic practices. In these and so many other unquantifiable and uncontainable ways, rituals and ceremonies have the power to bind us intimately together and give meaning to the messy beauty of being human.

Authoritarian regimes, also over millennia, have well understood this power. If they break people's connection to ritual, to spirituality, they sever people's connection to life itself. So whether through dispossession, assimilation, or extermination, those who would rule over others have erased everything from the time of lunar-solar calendars to the hallowed spaces of dreamy rituals and ceremonies, disciplining people to their deadly social orders, which for the past 500+ years, have been structured by white, heteropatriarchal Christian hegemony.

Against this backdrop, and in these dispiriting times, many of us rebels are embracing the vast difference between the brutal hierarchy of organized religions — as captured in "no gods, no masters" — and our (re)assertions of "no spiritual surrender," to borrow from Klee Benally, of blessed memory. Whether we're godless (like me) or god(s)-full anarchists, we recognize that there is and can be no separating "ritual as resistance" from "resistance as ritual," at least as long as genocidal and ecocidal forces are stripping all life of any inherent worth, of any sense of sacredness. So we're stealing back what is ours.

This zine is a sampler of some of the modest ways that anarchistic people from varied traditions are doing just that, and gestures toward "bigger" ones. It's impossible to understand Standing Rock, Stop Cop City, or Palestinian solidarity encampments, say, without acknowledging the key role of rebellious spiritualities. For one example, see the film *Yintah*.

My hope is that this humble zine inspires you to imaginatively blur the line between ritual and resistance, until the death machine sputters and stalls, and all that then moves freely is life. For it is us, side by side, that can make all sacred against the profane of this world. Because our love knows no borders.

—Cindy Barukh Milstein

1.

Years ago, my friend Raani texted me to talk about prayer. They felt disconnected from it, to which I replied, "Understandable." In Islam, performing the five daily prayers (salaat) is of utmost importance. It's not only a ritual obligation (fard) but an act of divine synchronicity too. Every day, Muslims worldwide rise to the challenge of praying on time. Even if you're praying alone, it's awe-inspiring to realize you're praying in time with others you can't see. Yet it also creates pressure—exacerbated by a hegemonic Christian hellscape that regulates prayer to Sundays.

Raani was concerned with intention (niyaah). They disliked traditional perspectives that align with capitalist conceptions of praying for prosperity, wealth, and all that jazz. So I said, "After you say the obligatory stuff, before you close, you can freestyle. Pray for whatever you want."

I've prayed for organizers throwing down for Hambach Forest (Germany); may they be covered in protection as they cover the forest with their bodies. I've prayed for the protection of water defenders, Stop Cop City (Atlanta) and No Cop City (Chicago) organizers, and those who wage prison strikes. Recently, I've found myself praying this:

ya rabb, may the Global South be free from imperialism.

ya rabb, may the Global South be free from capitalism.

ya rabb, may the Global South be free from neocolonialism.

ya rabb, may liberation prevail and the world over be remade.

ameen

—zaynab shahar

2.

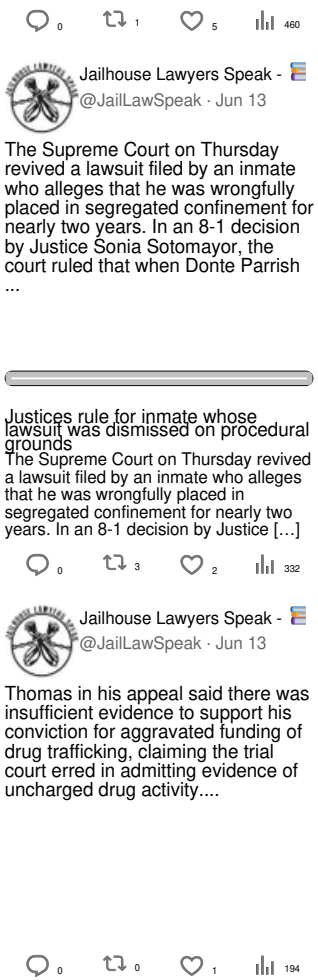
Rhinestones still sparkle under red umbrellas hoisted around the globe even as tears fall when the list of names is read on December 17: International Day to End Violence against Sex Workers, started in 2003 in San Francisco by a small group of sex workers. I first attended these vigils as a fledging sex worker seeking community; they helped shape me as an activist. Later, I assisted in researching the often gruesome deaths of my peers as we compiled the annual list. The honor of performing this work was the only compensation that I received, and now in middle age as a retired whore, I feel a sense of duty to ensure that these gatherings continue until the day there are no names to be read.

No two D17 vigils are alike. Each is defined by its community and culture. Yet in addition to red umbrellas, the international symbol of sex worker rights, they all function as a call to action to refuse the stigma and criminalization of our lives while demanding justice for sex workers as sex workers. The list is a central feature of every D17 vigil too, even when the name of the deceased is "anonymous." The most derogatory terms for sex workers in the local language of each D17 gathering are openly reclaimed as an act of resistance by an unapologetically grieving crowd clad in fishnets, lingerie, harnesses, and high heels, all refusing to accept "dead hookers" as a punch line or expected outcome of the hustle. We ask you to mourn and fight with us.

—Maggie Mayhem

3.

As my ancestors had once hidden cloves of garlic in their pockets for protection, I plant garlic every October in so-called Fort Collins, Colorado. My cousin aided me last fall because I procrastinated, buried in the grief of my mom's illness. She helped me to mix compost into the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1) Form resistance groups.

Form tight-knit groups to play roles in the resistance. You and your friends may already form the core of such a group. You could focus on communications, intelligence gathering, fundraising, or some other task. Meet with others you trust and start making plans. Foster ties between different groups and demographics. Like an iceberg, the majority of your connections should be deep below the surface.

2) Establish community assemblies.

Bring together formal groups, community networks, and other concerned individuals to share information, coordinate campaigns, interchange resources, and strategize together. Build the foundations for enduring trust and long-term coordination.

3) Build a communications system.

Set up a rapid response network capable of verifying reports and spreading information immediately to large numbers of people about the operations of ICE and other federal mercenaries in your community.

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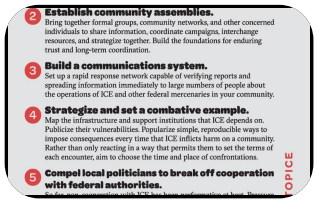
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Set up a rapid response network capable of verifying reports and spreading information immediately to large numbers of people about the operations of ICE and other federal mercenaries in your community.
4 Strategize and set a combative example.
Map the infrastructure and support institutions that ICE depends on. Publicize their vulnerabilities. Popularize simple, reproducible ways to impose consequences every time that ICE inflicts harm on a community. Rather than only reacting in a way that permits them to set the terms of each encounter, aim to choose the time and place of confrontations.
5 Compel local politicians to break off cooperation with federal authorities.
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Ppl at Salinas Valley State Prison launch hunger strike over CDCR policies

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Indeed -- they are jails/prisons ... concentration camps

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The Comrade doesn't know it, but alot of us in these prisons and you all around the country are rooting for his release! Thank you to everyone who supported his cause!

Revolutionary freedom!

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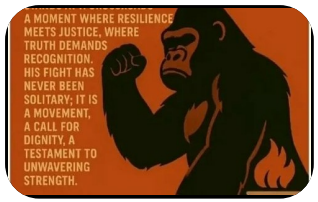
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"The Organizer's Tactical Blueprint"

This is something a Comrade put alot of heart, soul, and mind into. All proceeds they are putting towards the sustaining of JLS organizing. Solidarity!

The Organizer's Tactical Blueprint

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Don't Boo…Revolt! @BreeNewsome · Jun 14

Now's a great time for all the US politicians on Israel's payroll to take another trip to Tel Aviv 🙂

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ted cutezynski¹ @shrugdealer · Jun 12

The Nationwide "No Kings" rallies are being organized by 50501, an org that has worked with law enforcement.

If you attend, think critically if the protest moves/marches. Don't go under freeways or into tunnels.

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Bianca @BiancaTylek · Jun 13

While protests rage across the country, some counties are cashing in on the violent ICE raids. Adams County, MS just negotiated higher fees from a private prison operator for access to its intergovernmental agreement w ICE for the detention of immigrants.

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NJ Alliance for Immigrant Justice @NJAIJ · Jun 13

LIVE protestors are barricading the gate at Delaney Hall to prevent more officers from entering

soil. We broke the cloves apart, with the smell of garlic lingering on our fingers. This ritual helped my sorrow move through me. Plants have always been our ritual. We dug up plants around our ancestral home before it was to be demolished. We mourned, taking plants to our new homes, tucking them into the earth. Bringing something we love with us as we watch the world crumble. A little seed of solace for a people of the diaspora.

—Dana G.

4.

Fascists sticker-bomb your neighborhood. This hurts. Not merely because the memory of eleven people killed at the Tree of Life building—your childhood shul—still lingers, but they're crafty bigots. They deliberately drop provocative flyers on people's doorsteps to try to break solidarity between Palestinians and Jews. This inspires you to counter with agitprop. The ritual technology of prayer, in Judaism, allows us to make the most mundane moments holy. The eating of bread and sipping wine. Through the language of our ancestors, we make these acts sacred, connecting us with all who've performed them across the axis of time. You arm yourself with new ritual implements: a paint scraper, sharpies, and wheat paste, along with an extending pole for higher spots. Kadosh, kadosh, kadosh, even these moments where we cover up white supremacist drek can be holy!

—Anastasia bat Lilith

5.

I sing, you sing back, in reciprocity. Our voices blend until there is no I and no you, just we. Remembering one. We are the birds, the river, the trees; we are the tears, the sweat, the sea; we are our neighbors, enemy, each other, we.

Do you have the patience to wait until the water clears? Our anger points us in the direction of where we love so much, of where we care so deeply. We sit, breathe, and observe how anger settles, and then the right action becomes apparent, arising on its own, out of the silence.

I take heart knowing that a lot of revolutions have roots and foundations in spiritual traditions and community. The civil rights movement, abolition of slavery, and Haitian Revolution, to name a few in my lineage. If not explicitly praying, praising, and performing ritual, right action arises from the deep insight that not only understands but also practices like all of our freedom is inherently linked. How your happiness is mine, and that any concept of myself is because you and all exist. My practice, the rituals of singing and sitting, gives me the courage and strength of all the ancestors to keep going. I'll sing or sit with five hundred people, alone, or with you. It doesn't matter who. And when we cross that river to freedom, we cross together; we go back and get whoever is left, until we've all reached the other shore.

—Jordan Taylor

6.

"Good morning, revolutionaries!" Her glossy hijab gleams with the 7:00 a.m. dew. It's gray out. The drizzle drips off her megaphone as she makes her rounds, tent to soggy tent. "It's time to build the world of the future!"

The raindrops, bolder, smack the tent roof in the center of the university quad. Our bat mitzvah girl looks at me quizzically. "Kiss here," I unroll the Torah and gesture. The tassel of her keffiyeh could be the fringes of a prayer shawl without too much imagination. She takes the tassel, touches the scroll, and kisses it.

I adjust my slipping tefillin and begin:

Mi shebeirach avoteinu v'imoteinu, hu y'varech et Lila, sheyimalu lah shalosh esreih shanah, v'higia l'mitzvot. Y'shamrah hakadosh baruch hu vichayeha, vichonein et libah lihyot shaleim im adonai, v'lalechet bidrachav, v'lishmor mitzvotav kol yameha, v'nomar amein.

"May the one who blessed our ancestors bless Lila, who has turned thirteen years old" [everyone giggles at the college sophomore standing next to me] "and has reached the age of mitzvot! May the Holy Blessed One guard her, enliven her, and fortify her heart to be whole with God, and go in God's ways, and follow the mitzvot all her days, and we say amen!"

And the whole encampment sings "Siman Tov Umazal Tov" (May this be a good sign) around and around, three times round.

—Robin Banerji

7.

In honor of Trans Day of Remembrance, the Drkmttr Collective of Nashville hosted a session on building rituals in memory of transgender people, recognizing that the media and families of origin often disrespect our dead through violent misgendering, misnaming, and misremembering. It also offered us an opening to make meaning as well as build an alternative for remembering and honoring in general: a protocol for communally creating rituals to mark time, celebrate life, or indicate transition.

Gather a group of three or more. Reflect on important rituals in your life. What traditions have impacted you? What place do rituals play in your life and that of your ancestors? Have each person choose one or more of the following to contribute to the ritual:

A novel or significant place | An item from nature | A human-made item | A specific color | Something to wear | Something to reflect on | Something to say, sing, recite, hum, whistle, or chant | Something to write | Something to make music with | Something to write with and something to write on | An item to use in an unintended way | A physical movement | Something to eat or drink | Something to hold close

Make sure everyone's ideas are incorporated. Decide when and how often your ritual will take place. Practice your ritual. Lend it to others. Or keep it to yourselves.

—Shawn Reilly

8.

In the first hundred days of the pandemic, knowing it would only get darker, Sergio and I started saying that a time would come when we would miss the maskless undertakers. We have missed the maskless undertakers. I miss the maskless undertakers. I long for them, the somber crowd, brazen in their utter fucking ineptitude. False reverence. Traveling door to door, unmasked and unrepentant, to carry out our dead.

Tonight, I will light a candle for each of them. I will try to light all six candles with the same match. I can feel violence in me now, just thinking of it. Clenching, unclenching. I will light the candles. I will say the Lord's Prayer. I will fight the urge to kick each candle over, to burn it all the fuck down.

Let it all become ash. No room at the morgue, no burial plot purchased. He was burned. We never gathered in prayer and rage. We longed and wept separately. No embrace.

I walked the levee night after night. When I felt brave, I would walk to the old Holy Cross school building —a shrine in his name. When I felt reckless, I would bring a man with me—a stranger at the time, and now, a stranger again. Some nights in isolation, this man would stay on the phone with me as I screamed the name by which I knew my grandfather until my voice grew hoarse, until I wore myself out with my weeping.

—Elizabeth Gelvin

9.

On the afternoon of February 1, I trudge up a frozen creek bed in search of a patch of bulrush. I gather thirty, pat them dry, and ditch the worst ones. I sit and weave two crosses in the company of thousands of filial ghosts. I tie the ends with red thread and sprinkle them with holy water, then return home to hang one over my doorway and the other over my stove.

As I cook that night, I enjoy the comfort of my home and houseguests now protected from disease and house fire. I think of Saint Brigid of Kildare and her female "companion" Darlughdach.

Something is burning. A piece of pasta has burst into flames on the red coils, flickering and licking up the side of the pot. It is the biggest source of flame my apartment has ever seen, consuming itself below my antifire charm. Through the wisps of black smoke, my cross of rushes stares back at me and Saint Brigid speaks:

"You know what this pagan charm is, and who they pretend I was not. Goddess of poetic inspiration, of the fire of hearth and forge. The rest of your family has cast off the cross. If you are to bear it, you must be in terror and awe of the mountains of corpses it stands on, both the fleshly and spiritual. This, too, is your heritage."

The flame sputters out into a glowing lump of carbon. I finish my cooking and thank God for Their gifts.

—Michael Byrne

10.

1. As it is woven into the day, prayer can undergo a revolution of its own. I wake up and say "Modeh Ani" (Thank you, creator, for opening my eyes ...), but consider, What is opening? I thank G-d for allowing the curtain to drop, for awareness of this world in its fullness. Beauty beyond all belief, and terror to match. The ability (desire?) to face, see, and hold in tension, both destruction and possibility.
2. Let resistance become the ritual.

III. Among us they say, "We stood together at Sinai," as if this is literal. I know that feeling of a crowd, being shoulder to shoulder in an experience. It is deep in the letters of my spiritual DNA. Break open that ancient memory, take it apart, and distill a different lesson from this out-of-time moment. It is there, the communal. That deep field on which we can draw. To look at a stranger and believe we once stood together—it can be the seed of solidarity, to see one another as kin.

1. Have you broken bread? This too can be resistance.
2. The seder is fertile ground, well-trodden by those of us seeking to reinvent our rituals (the orange and olive on the seder plate, a glass of water to represent Miriam, and the Haggadah rewritten to name suffering in Palestine and elsewhere). Ask, What is liberation now, and how can we work toward it in this time and place? Make the table a catapult.
3. So many fast days. When not feeding oneself, feed others.

—Sor@ Lx

11.

In the early weeks of healing and recovering from Hurricane Helene, some of us began a book club to talk about those shared experiences of community that felt powerful, potent, and life-changing to us during that disaster. The reading group was—and continues to be—open to anyone, and all types of people show up. There are regulars, and those who only come once or twice, yet typically about twenty-five people circle up in the public space of Firestorm, a queer, feminist, and anarchist bookstore in Asheville, North Carolina. The book club is still meeting over eight months later. We've gathered in the midst of rising fascism, continued genocide, local wildfires due to governmental neglect, and deep personal loss. We are still here.

Each time we come together, we engage in what's become our own ritual in the wake of mass devastation. We put our feet on the ground and close our eyes. With N-95 masks on and each at our own pace, in the centering of a single moment, we take three deep breaths. When we have each finished and feel ready to face the group again from the interiority of our own space, we raise a hand and look into the faces of our comrades.

Many of us lost community in the days of Helene, some of us found it,

It requires considerably more courage and integrity to be a rebel than to be a mercenary.

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No kings.

And—for the very same reasons—no presidents.

https://tochangeeverything.com/

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In headlines like this, it is clear for all to see that "outside agitators" is simply the term politicians use for "people the police intend to attack."

They always harp on their tired rhetoric about "outside agitators" because the thing they fear most is —solidarity.

https://crimethinc.com/texts/agitators

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Stop the Israeli assault on Iran!

"The difference between you and your government is much bigger than the difference between you and me. The difference between me and my government is much bigger than the difference between me and you. And our governments are very much the same."

-Marjane Satrapi

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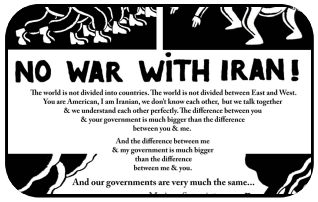
NO WAR WITH IRAN!
The world is not divided into countries. The world is not divided between East and West. You are American, I am Iranian, we don't know each other, but we talk together & we understand each other perfectly. The difference between you & your government is much bigger than the difference between you & me.
And the difference between me & my government is much bigger than the difference between me & you.
And our governments are very much the same...

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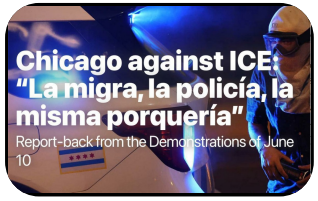
Chicago against ICE: "La migra, la policía, la misma porquería"

https://crimethinc.com/ChicagoJune1

Participants in a full day of breakaway marches and confrontations in Chicago on June 10 reflect on the potential of this moment and what it will take to unlock it.



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Uprising Survival Guide

This short guide covers street safety and other important factors to consider in the midst of the resistance to ICE and Donald Trump's attempt to impose fascism via military occupation.

https://crimethinc.com/survivalguide2

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4) Strategize and set a combative example.

Map the infrastructure and institutions that ICE depends on. Publicize their vulnerabilities. Popularize simple, reproducible ways to impose consequences every time ICE inflicts harm on a community. Rather than reacting in a way that permits them to set the terms of each encounter, aim to choose the time and place of confrontations.

5) Compel local politicians to break off cooperation with federal authorities.

So far, non-cooperation with ICE has been performative at best. Pressure local politicians, public institutions, and other influential groups to concretely oppose ICE operations rather than simply standing aside. The consequences of cooperating with ICE, whether actively or passively, must be worse than the consequences of not doing so.

6) Create no-go zones for federal forces.

If ICE agents hesitate to enter certain areas without backing from police, National Guard, and Marines, that will limit their operations. The more resources they have to commit to every raid, the fewer attacks they will be able to carry out and the more expensive their power grab will be.

7) Create mutual aid networks.

Support those who have lost family members to ICE abductions. Create collective habits of care to sustain each other through the crises ahead.

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Seven Steps to Stop ICE

https://crimethinc.com/zines/seven-steps-to-stop-ice

This flier outlines seven projects that you can undertake with your community to build a combative movement capable of resisting the violent attacks of ICE and other federal mercenaries.

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On Sunday, June 15, protests in solidarity with Gaza and Palestine took place in São Paulo, Belo Horizonte, Brasilia, and other cities in Brazil. At the same time, mayors from various Brazilian cities were hiding in bunkers in Israel, as an entourage of politicians from cities in Brazil and other parts of the world was in Israel for a technology fair. When we say that Gaza is a repression laboratory for the whole world, that is not a metaphor. Israel exports weapons, vehicles, technologies, and ethnic cleansing to the entire planet.

The incarceration of the Black population and the segregation and killing promoted by both left and right governments in Brazil find echoes in what Trump does to immigrants in the United States and what Israel does in Palestinian, Lebanese, and Syrian territory.

Technologies used in wars against external enemies are adapted and used to terrorize internal targeted populations. Each reinforces the other: the troops Lula sent to Haiti were deployed alongside the Pacifying Police in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro.

Today, Gaza is the image of a possible future for all slums, ghettos, and rebel territories anywhere in the world. If we do not connect this struggle and resistance, state repression will connect our misery, making the entire world into a sacrifice zone.

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We've prepared a zine version of "Los Angeles Stands up to ICE," detailing June 6, the first day of the uprising.

In this firsthand report, participants describe how people came together to protect their communities from federal attacks.

https://crimethinc.com/zines/los-angeles-stands-up-to-ice-a-firsthand-report-on-the-clashes-of-june-6

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A Demonstrator's Guide to Reinforced Banners

How to build and employ reinforced banners that can function as a mobile shield wall, protecting demonstrators from police violence.

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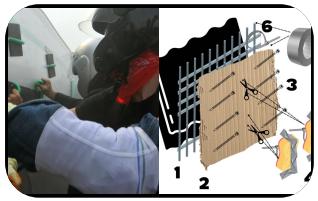

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We've published a zine version of our report from the angry community response to an ICE raid in Minneapolis on June 3 that inspired resistance to ICE all around the country.

https://crimethinc.com/zines/minneapo-to-feds-get-the-fuck-out-how-people-in-the-twin-cities-responded-to-a-federal-raid

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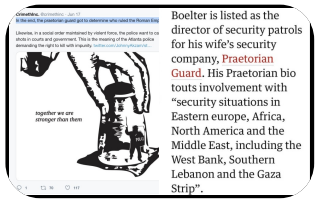
Five years ago, on a platform now owned by a fascist, we posted this analysis:

> In the end, the praetorian guard got to determine who ruled the Roman Empire.
>
> Likewise, in a social order maintained by violent force, the police want to call the shots in courts and government.

Indeed, the security guard who killed two politicians in Minnesota today works for a company named Praetorian Guard.

It should also be lost on no one that the violence inflicted on Gaza, the West Bank, and Southern Lebanon is coming back to the United States in the form of political assassination.


Boelter is listed as the director of security patrols for his wife's security company, Praetorian Guard. His Praetorian bio touts involvement with "security situations in Eastern europe, Africa, North America and the Middle East, including the West Bank, Southern Lebanon and the Gaza Strip".

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The military occupations around the country and the parade in DC represent the culmination of a long-term shift from persuasion to coercion as disparities in wealth and power intensify. Autocracy requires mercenaries—despicable scum who sell their capacity to inflict violence to the highest bidder.

For autocracy to triumph, people must suppress their empathy, confining themselves to selfish materialism. Their aspirations to community must be replaced with jingoistic conformity. And many of them must be desperate enough for employment that they will accept a wage to do harm to those like them.

Yet as economic and ecological crises intensify, millions of people are waking up to the reality that solidarity and mutual aid offer our best chance of survival, whereas the mercenaries who serve autocracy—and the inclination to do violence for a wage—pose the greatest threat to us.

Thank you to everyone who resists.

and all of us lost things unforeseen in the months following. But each time we meet, we take those breaths and look into each others' faces. We know that we are here, we survived, and we are still in the absolute terror and undeniable gift of life.

—Lauren Miller

12.

From paint and fabric made into banners, old newspapers mixed with flour and water to be reshaped into a turtle, some heartfelt words turned into zines, and odds and ends like blankets, stones, and flowers, an altar sprang up on the same riverside spot used a few months ago for a public Mourner's Kaddish. You can still see the self-composting, pale-orange husk of a pumpkin that had "Free Palestine" carved on it and was left as a people's memorial to honor the dead in Gaza. When this evening's remembrance ended, we encircled the pumpkin with the ecological remnants of our temporary altar honoring Tortuguita on this yahrzeit of their murder-by-police on sacred forest grounds, site of the Stop Cop City struggle.

Starting just after a fiery sunset faded into dusk and then dark, people shared poems, blessings, and music; lit candles, ate homemade food, and sipped hot tea; formed wet soil into seed bombs and hurled them to new homes; spoke in low tones, passing along warmth through hugs, and taught each other songs like a Weelaunee version of "Bella Ciao," singing aloud to the night sky and each other. There were silences too — not planned, not awkward, just right, as if we were hearing the old souls that are trees communing tenderly with the relatively new souls like Tort whom they are welcoming into their forest. Trees of life, trees as life, for even if the winter branches looked bare, the sap of life flows through them.

Then we walked in a small procession, guided by candles until the wind hushed them, down to the river's edge, and to repeated shouts of "Viva Tortuguita," someone (allegedly) set free the paper-mache tortoise into the water, and we watched it swim away in harmony with the currents.

—Cindy Barukh Milstein

13.

Together, every single day, you and I refuse mass disablement and death. We turn our backs on the genocidal call to return to normal. My anarcho-sicko bodymind reaches across time and space to grasp yours. An invitation toward something different. A ritual of care against complicity. When public health has marked us as the vulnerable to fall by the wayside, we collectively refuse to sacrifice ourselves and each other. You don your N95, I take a molecular test, you organize with your local mask bloc, I share my recent exposures, you facilitate a grief circle, I advocate for a community event to require masks. Together, we nurture this sacred sanctuary, rooted in disabled4disabled love.

—Krystal K

14.

Often I feel like we associate the word "ritual" with notions of repeated, consistent, intentional practice, with the purpose of providing a grounding force within one's life and community. As someone with raging ADHD, while I strive for such a practice, my physical reality is much more disjointed and impulsive. So I want to create space for ritual as whatever we can make it; ritual as interruption and interruption as ritual. When we break from our routines in ways that revitalize ourselves. When we stop to smell the flowers, dance for five minutes between meetings, call in sick from our tedious jobs to tend to our wild hearts, or allow ourselves to get swept away in adventure bliss, desire, grief, rage, or despair.

—Ducky Joseph

15.

I drag my thumb across you, stone, across absence. A placeholder becomes a monument. Der shteyn, the Warsaw Ghetto Memorial in New York City's Riverside Park. For eighty years now, survivors—di sheyres-hapleyte—along with Bundists, diasporists, and Jews of all kinds have gathered here on April 19 to remember the fighters and honor their resistance.

You, stone, seem to thrum under my fingers. You've become something of a friend with time. Need is a funny thing. I come to you alone in the snow, all numb and underdressed. Once I brought a new friend to you, as if I wanted your approval. Your face is etched with lofty things.

"Martyred in the cause of human liberty."

I don't often pray, so this has to do. The anniversary, so close to Peysakh, always feels funny. My face gets hot, and my breath catches. I ache when people speak badly in your name. I mourn you at all times, but especially in the off-hours. I speak your language with my partner and friends. I do my best to live in memory without becoming a phantom.

I get defensive at the word "ritual." But then I remember you, stone. How I visit you to breathe in their memory, to prepare for hard days ahead. These days remind me of Jewish poet and resistance fighter Hirsh Glick's song, of his words: tsvishn falndike vent, "amid falling walls." And I look to you, to them, to us. Mir zaynen do! "We are here!" Visiting you, in late spring. It's a ritual of a kind.

—Yasha Feldman

16.

The Malay Muslims in my rural village are ordinary, but they can be most gracious when it comes to service. Which is not to say that we don't have internal problems; we do. Yet there's a beautiful biodiversity of resistance—through the arts, food and cooking, music, dialogue and debate, and self-defense—that is equally inseparable from praying together, which is partly a weapon for us Muslims. As Prophet *Muḥammad* says, "Dua [prayer] is the weapon of the believer, a pillar of the religion and a light for the Heavens and the Earth."

We practice solat jamaah

(community prayer) weekly. During it, in between the rakaah (repeating prayers/rituals), we say the dua qunut nazilah: a prayer to Allah to protect and/or give strength to us or others. We specifically say this prayer for marginalized and oppressed folx, especially Palestinians right now. But our ritual extends beyond that. We lend solidarity and mutual aid to people in faraway lands, for instance, and have produced anticapitalist leaflets to hand out in public. Because "whosoever of you sees an evil, let them change it with their hand," asserts Prophet *Muḥammad,* "and if they are not able to do so, then [let them change it] with their tongue; and if they are not able to do so, then with their heart."

So even if it's just a small group of friends engaging in small kinds of resistance, education, and organizing, we are guided, through our prayer, to strive for a better world for all humans and nonhumans. To cite Prophet *Muḥammad again,* "Be afraid [oppressors], from the curse of the oppressed, as there is no screen between their invocation and Allah."

—alip moose

17.

Submitted for the approval of the ACAB Society, I offer you Disaster Christmas:

Immediately after Hurricane Helene hit Western North Carolina. After climbing up a ladder to get enough service to send "We're OK" texts and before the city stacked the water cases, Amazon got its delivery trucks rolling again. Somebody put our address as the recipient on Mutual Aid Disaster Relief's Amazon wish list, so after being at the newly created DIY distro hub all day, Pix and I would come home to a mountain of packages piled high in front of our door. We'd load 'em into the mudroom and truck to sort the next day.

The ritual: Every morning, whoever showed up to help (including confused first-timers) would gather round the Disaster Christmas Tree (a half-broken patio-size propane heater) to "gift" each other boxes of foot cream, poison ivy wash, work gloves, muck boots, ponchos, and shovels. "Merry Disaster Christmas!" we shouted over the sound of the last album still cached on my phone, *The Rise and Fall of a Midwest Princess.* We then joined hands and chanted our motto: "We're not a cult! We're not a cult! We're not a cult!" Finally, we'd don our mutual aid "role" talismans and sort the gifts into their appropriate distribution zones, ready to head out across the region.

—Ben Wyatt

18.

I am losing track of weeks. Months that are days go by. Time breaks. It feels different this year, but everything feels different. It feels as if everything should have stopped.

On Saturdays, sometimes I go to a small room to learn about rituals and Judaism. I thought I might let it change me, but mostly I skip it to go to protests.

Gathered and gathering every weekend for weeks. Returning and repeating so now I know the fastest way to bike to city hall. I know to wear two layers of socks because the march doesn't start for an hour. I know that we keep showing up. And listen, this is also a ritual — how we have let ourselves be transformed.

For weeks the sun sinks lower earlier and earlier, and every protest includes a prayer. I see children using protest signs as prayer mats. I go to a rally with my neighbors, full of song. We circle ourselves around the station singing. We read poems by Palestinian writers, our voices humming. We are trying to imagine something we are told should be unimaginable. This too feels like a ritual.

And listen, from the river to the sea is a poem, and isn't poetry a ritual too if it's me asking you to let yourself be transformed? Asking us to be changed in our imagining? What could be more beautiful than imagining freedom surrounded only by water.

—Dylan Tate-Howarth

NOTE:

Ritual as Resistance is an act of love and solidarity. It is intended for everyone who sees themselves on the side of defending the sacred. Please share this zine freely and widely.

For other zines in this "series," check out *Don't Just Do Nothing: 20 Things You Can Do to Counter Fascism* and *Anarchist Compass: 29 Offerings for Navigating Christofascism*, with gratitude to *Its Going Down* for hosting the texts and PDFs on its website.

Thanks to landon sheely (landonsheely.com, @landonsheely) who observed that "all of our work is all of our work" when sharing the artwork for the cover, and Casandra (www.houseofhands.net) for turning this zine into PDFs.

June 2025

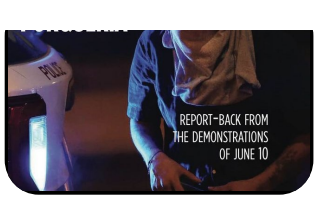
Call to Support the Frederick Four: Community Members Attacked on May Day

June 16, 2025

Call to support the Frederick Four, individuals violently arrested by police in Frederick, MD on May Day.

Donate to Defense Fund HERE

On May 1st, commonly referred to as May Day, thousands of protests where planned across the US, ranging from DC to Alaska, and hundreds of thousands of people took to the streets. Local organizers held marches in Baltimore which saw over a thousand people demonstration and one in Frederick which gathered a smaller crowd of about two hundred. Both events went off without a hitch, until later in the evening a crowd of protesters were attacked by police, four of whom were beaten, falsely arrested, and then doxxed Frederick Police department on Facebook, which was picked up by *Fox News* and then again by neo-fascist trolls on



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Postscript on Legalism

https://crimethinc.com/Legalism

Donald Trump and his administration employ the laws and courts wherever it suits them. Wherever laws and courts pose an obstacle to their program, they disregard those right up to the limit imposed by the current balance of power within the state.

It is clear for all to see that for them, the law is simply one of many weapons—it has no power to bind them. Yet many of Trump's opponents continue hamstring resistance by focusing on questions of legality and other niceties, failing to grasp the reality of the situation.

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Resistance Reader

This zine brings together nine important texts about resistance to ICE, Trump, and fascism that have appeared in various venues over the past two weeks, offering an overview of our situation and the stakes of the fight.

https://crimethinc.com/zines/resistanc reader

Please print these out and distribute them far and wide!

Contents:

- Don't Let LA Stand Alone: A Message to the Gathering Resistance
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- Minneapolis to Feds: "Get the Fuck Out"—How People in the Twin Cities Responded to a Federal Raid
- Los Angeles Stands up to ICE: A Firsthand Report on the Clashes of June 6
- LA Protesters Aren't Inviting Violent Authoritarianism, They're Mobilizing to Stop It
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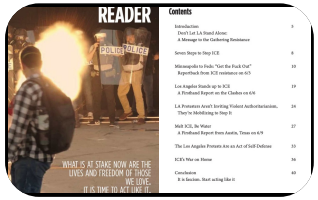

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As seen in the resistance to federal raids around the country over the past week!

We send out these stickers for the costs of production and shipping alone.

Make it clear that immigrants are welcome in your community—and ICE mercenaries are not.

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The Ex-Worker podcast #112: "From Minneapolis to Los Angeles—The Origins of the Wave of Resistance to ICE"

https://crimethinc.com/exworker112

In this episode, we share reports from Minneapolis and Los Angeles, tracing the origins of the revolt against federal raids that has spread across the United States.

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No domingo, 15/06, protestos em solidariedade a Gaza ocorreram em São Paulo, Belo Horizonte, Brasília e outras cidades brasileiras. Ao mesmo tempo, prefeitos de várias cidades brasileiras se escondiam em bunkers em Israel, enquanto uma comitiva de políticos de vários países estava em Israel para uma feira de tecnologia. Quando dizemos que Gaza é um laboratório de repressão para o mundo inteiro, isso não é uma metáfora. Israel exporta armas, veículos, tecnologias e limpeza étnica para todo o planeta.

O encarceramento da população negra, a segregação e matança promovidas por governos de esquerda e direita nas periferias do Brasil encontram ecos no que Trump faz com imigrantes nos Estados Unidos e no que Israel faz em território palestino.

Tecnologias usadas em guerras contra inimigos externos são adaptadas e usadas para aterrorizar populações internas tornadas inimigas. Uma reforça a outra: as tropas que Lula enviou ao Haiti foram mobilizadas para implementar as Unidades de Polícia Pacificadora nas favelas do Rio de Janeiro.

Hoje, Gaza é a imagem de um futuro possível para todas as favelas, guetos e territórios rebeldes em qualquer lugar do mundo. Se não conectarmos essa luta e resistência, a repressão estatal conectará nossa miséria, transformando o mundo inteiro em uma zona de sacrifício.

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Read what happened here: https://www.thehandbasket.co/p/salt-lake-city-no-kings-shooting-arturo-gamboa

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Trump + his white nationalist cheerleaders were never anti-war.

Since the start of his second term, Trump has pushed for the US to invade Canada, Greenland, and Panama, bombed Yemen, continued to back the genocide in Gaza + used the military against protesters.

War at home and abroad.

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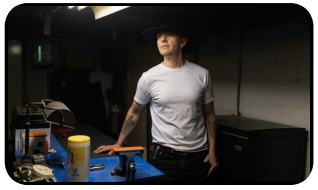
Anarcho-preppers featured on CNN.

https://edition.cnn.com/2025/06/17/cliwing-liberal-preppers



These preppers have 'bug-out' bags, guns and a fear of global disaster. They're also left-wing | CNN
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In 2018, the Abolish ICE movement erupted to take on Trump 1.0.

Check out our round-table on the movement with organizers on the ground from 2019 here.

https://itsgoingdown.org/round-table-on-abolishice-blockade-commune-defend/

Round Table on #AbolishICE: Blockade, Commune, Defend
In this episode of the It's Going Down podcast, we sat down with participants of the Abolish ICE movement from across the US, including...

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"So-called "Border Czar" Tom Homan has also complained that widespread grassroots organizing – including rapid response networks, Know Your Rights trainings, and explosive demonstrations – have all contributed to obstructing ICE operations. In the face of this mounting pressure, ICE is turning up the heat, but in doing so, they have hit another impasse: mass resistance."

https://itsgoingdown.org/dont-let-la-stand-alone-a-message-to-the-gathering-resistance/

Don't Let LA Stand Alone: A Message to the Gathering Resistance
Over the past week, tens of thousands of people have taken to the streets of Los Angeles, fighting to defend their neighborhoods and family ...

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"Arturo Roberto Gamboa was lawfully exercising his 2nd amendment rights as he had before when security guards got spooked by him. These un-named shooters shot Arturo Roberto Gamboa and shot and killed Arthur Folasa Ah Loo."

https://gileriodekel.com/2025/06/arturroberto-gamboa/

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We Are Not Demonstrating, We Are Fighting
Migrant Defense in Seattle, June 9-14

Starting in Minneapolis on June 3 and rapidly spreading to Los Angeles and elsewhere around the country, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids have provoked angry community responses. Although this wave of action appeared to peak with the "No Kings" demonstrations of June 14, ICE agents continue to abduct people and people continue to resist.

In this account, participants in a series of clashes in and around Seattle describe how they have prevented ICE from kidnapping people at court appearances, demonstrating a way forward for the movement.

https://crimethinc.com/Seattle2025

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We've prepared a zine version of "Chicago against ICE," in which participants in a full day of breakaway marches and confrontations in Chicago on June 10, 2025 reflect on the potential of this moment and what it will take to unlock it.

https://crimethinc.com/zines/chicago-against-ice-la-migra-la-policia-la-misma-porqueria

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social media.

That night after an evening of protests and marches in Frederick, a smaller group formed to continue the protest and they took to the streets. While they marched, multiple cars passed, some voicing support while other drivers attempted to injure them, with one driver striking one of the protestors. Thankfully no one was injured to the point of needing medical attention. The group eventually came to several SUVs both city and sheriff, parked in the middle of the road. parked in the middle of the road. Two or three cops exited each of the parked cars and blocked the small crowd from moving between them, before anyone could even think of potentially leaving the area, a fire truck with a police escort appeared. The Frederick Police began shouting to move out of the way for the fire engine, screaming, "Get out of the street."

The police then attacked the protestors from behind as they were exiting the street where they started. The Frederick Police allege that the fire truck was responding to the report of an injured protestor from a vehicle attack, though due to the aggressive nature of the firefighters, we believe they were not there to administer aid; regardless, the police utilized the fire engine as a distraction to attack the crowd. The four people arrested, now known locally as 'The Frederick Four,' sustained multiple injuries including a concussion, lumbar fracture, cervical strain and a chipped tooth. Those injured were not treated for any of these injuries while they were held for 12 hours.

Frederick police have a reputation for instigating assaults and are known to be especially violent towards protesters who they would deem "criminals" or "antifa," for simply wearing black and marching together. They have made it clear which protests are allowed in Frederick and which will be attacked and doxxed. Since these events occurred, the Frederick After Party Care team has been rallying support for the four comrades arrested by gathering funds for legal fees and physical therapy via social media and posting fliers at community events.

There is currently a court date set for July 3rd (subject to change) which will be followed by a block party at a near by park. The Frederick police need to be held accountable for their actions and for attacking people who are exercising their right to protest. *Support the Frederick Four!*

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Final Straw: June 11th and Matt Hart on the History of Anarchist Prisoner Support

June 15, 2025

Long-running anarchist radio and podcast show *The Final Straw* speaks with Matt Hart about prison support and the Anarchist Black Cross (ABC).

This week on the *Final Straw Radio*, we're sharing an interview with Matt Hart of the Los Angeles Anarchist Black Cross chapter of the ABC Federation. We talk about the book Matt just released via PM Press, an expanded edition of Boris Yelensky's history of anarchist prisoner support "Shadows In The Struggle For Equality," illustrated by NO Bonzo.

Matt talks about the work of the LA-ABCF, ABC's pre-history with the Narodnik movement in mid-19th century Russia, prisoner defense under the nihilist movement, some moments in resistance and mutual aid through the following hundred and fifty years or so, some colorful moments and comrades up into the 21st century. We hope you enjoy!

Then, we'll share a reading of the 2025 June 11th statement since this week is the day of Solidarity with Long Term Anarchist Prisoners. More info on that initiative at June11.noblogs.org.

To Kick ICE Out Requires Action, To Keep Them Out Requires Organization

June 14, 2025

The Black Rose Anarchist Federation looks at the role of grassroots organizing within the growing movement against ICE.

By Black Rose / Rosa Negra - Bay Area Local

This past weekend in Los Angeles provocative ICE raids sparked fierce protest as community members turned out to disrupt the kidnapping and terrorizing of their neighbors and loved ones. As the situation in LA appears to be deepening with Trump's mobilization of the National Guard and protests expanding to other cities, our California Bay Area local, along with members in Los Angeles and San Diego, have drafted this statement on what the moment calls for.

Follow their social media here.

The Trump administration has made the violent defense of white supremacy through mass deportations its number one priority. Last Thursday, residents of Los Angeles stood up and confronted Trump's racist schemes head-on when they mobilized to block ICE raids. Families, neighbors, and coworkers resisted kidnappings in their communities and challenged federal agents at ICE detention centers, offering an effective example for everyone who wants to know how to stand up to the increasingly authoritarian regime's attacks.

California's blue state bona fides and Los Angeles's "Sanctuary City" status did not stop the Los Angeles Police Department and its SWAT units from supporting the raids and quelling dissent. In fact, ICE would not be able to operate in LA if the local police and sheriffs were not there beating down protestors and defending ICE property.

Now, instead of challenging Trump's military invasion of their

city, Democratic Party officials are following their standard playbook of rolling over and playing dead—calling for calm and declaring that their police forces can handle repressing protests without the help of the National Guard. Despite hand-wringing and feigned protestations about ICE activity, local, state, and national Democratic politicians have time and again expanded efforts to crack down on immigration and mass opposition to deportations. The use of military might does not happen in spite of Democratic Party officials' opposition, but because they pave the way for its proliferation through border crackdowns, exploitative housing policies, anti-labor laws, and police collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security.

Fundamentally, both parties' rule rests on a world of borders—ones that uphold the violence of rendition to indefinite detention and torture; the violence to declare some people deserving of basic means of life and others not; the violence to eradicate populations. From Los Angeles to Palestine, our fight is against Empire, its agents, and the borders created to maintain dominance.

A world built without borders, though, is one built on community, solidarity, and human flourishing. To achieve such a world would require a social revolution that supplants the current rule of government and capital. In the interim, we must bring into this fight the combined force of social movements and mass organizations. Only the popular power they hold can grind the deportation machine to a halt.

In the short term, our power is most visible when we turn out en masse to confront ICE activity in our communities. Although Trump and MAGA forces are itching for this confrontation because they think it will demonstrate the "chaos and disorder" of Democrat-ruled cities, the reality is that Trump's deportation push is wildly unpopular. Seeing the National Guard beating and tear-gassing people in order to kidnap the workers and families who are the foundation of our cities will likely drive more people, not fewer, to revolt.

Much like how the burning of the 3rd Police Precinct in Minneapolis during the 2020 uprising sparked massive solidarity and support, seeing oppressed people effectively stand up for themselves can generate immense sympathy—much more than patiently following the law and playing it safe can. We need to take the opportunity to escalate and spread the confrontation to more cities by marching on ICE offices and detention centers and preparing neighborhood and workplace organizations that can respond to raids as they happen.

For those of us already in organizations like labor unions, we have more power than we think if we organize toward a more forceful, aligned response. For example, unions have significant resources like money, experienced organizers, and people power that could be harnessed to slow and stop the machine that threatens to roll over us. If you have struggled to push your unions toward more militant action and doubt the potential of these structures, the arrest of SEIU California President David Huerta may inspire more opportunity for change from within than we have seen in many decades. Let's not miss the moment to demand our unions use our resources toward stopping ICE.

Small steps can build our recognition and capacity to fight ICE and other "non-work" institutions through our unions over time, such as:

- Writing then organizing to pass actionable resolutions with our union executive boards;
- Hosting union-sponsored anti-ICE educational events with fellow workers and unionists;
- Printing know-your-rights handouts for coworkers;
- Preemptively forcing our employers to protect us from ICE through workplace petitions and protests, and getting language to protect from workplace raids in your union contract; and
- Bringing coworkers to the next demonstration outside the workplace.

Tenant unions, student organizations, and activist formations can leverage these same principles and tactics. Organizing popular assemblies that develop gameplans for community-wide defense can help coordinate these efforts. This moment demands that we expand our understanding of how to collectively act with more militancy as groups of neighbors, workers, and students.

For the majority who are not yet in any organization, this moment calls us to seek ways to connect with the people around us. We have more power in mass movements than we have in small ones, or alone. We must take that power seriously if our aim is not just to fight—but also to win.

We may not erase the lines on maps and tear down the military might that enforces them tomorrow, the next day, or the one after that, but we must strive towards it today.

To defend ourselves from ICE right now requires action, to keep them out of our neighborhoods and workplaces requires organization.

photo credit: Alissa Azar

Fire and Ice: Lessons from the Battle of Los Angeles

June 14, 2025

***Ill Will* presents notes on the growing wave of anti-ICE action against Trump's push for mass deportations in Los Angeles, CA.**

A printable zine version can be downloaded here.

Momentum in the movement against mass deportations had been building for weeks. From San Diego to Martha's Vineyard, spontaneous confrontations with ICE agents were already happening. Alongside that, there had been coordinated actions of activists and rapid response networks, including efforts to blockade ICE vans in downtown Manhattan.

Everyone knew it was about to explode. Then, in Los Angeles, it ICEbreaker candies on the crowd. Youth grabbed the loot, beaming as they carried "Tenant Power Melts ICE" buttons by West/North's Liv and stickers by Bri that read "Immigrant Communities Everywhere." In short, we showed up and showed out.

In Assemblies, Local meetings, and informal conversations before, after, and during the march, TANC members unanimously shared that our union should have a presence at future May Days, so we conclude with lessons learned that we hope will shape the union and our future May Day celebrations:

- Connect with marchers outside our union. Tenants around the Bay Area are itching to fight back, and campaigns are already underway thanks to our outreach efforts at the march.

- Plan the next ask in advance. Shortly before May Day, TAP members spitballed how we could situate this May Day action in a longer campaign against I.C.E. expansion. High-profile actions should lead to intimate organizing conversations and opportunities to deepen relationships for struggle. We hope to plan and be party to efforts like town halls and popular assemblies where neighbors empower each other to proactively fight I.C.E. invasions in our communities.

- Our tenant councils must become structures of community defense that directly protect each other when I.C.E. and other agents come to snatch us, and who can sustain plans against state expansion in our backyards.

- From working group plans to Local actions. To make that a reality, members of the TAP working group will redouble efforts in our Locals. Some don't have dense immigrant communities, but we can organize each other to support neighborhoods that do, and mobilize each other to fight the I.C.E. expansion that will come for us all.

May Day comes but once a year—it is through our union and our everyday efforts within it that we protect, support, and strengthen each other against bosses, landlords, and the forces that protect them.

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"On Saturday, June 14th, Arturo Gamboa was attending the "No Kings" protest in downtown Salt Lake City. He was there armed, within his legal rights, and peacefully protesting. During the event, the "peacekeepers" hired by Utah 50501 to control the crowds at the event opened fire on the crowd, shooting both Arturo and Arthur "Afa" Folasa Ah Loo who was tragically killed by the stray bullet.

Due to the tragic loss of life, Arturo was unjustly arrested and is currently being held by Salt Lake County sheriffs department. They are holding him regardless of the fact that his weapon was never fired, his gun barrel was never pointed anywhere but the ground, and the bullet that tragically caused the death of Ah Loo was fired from the gun held by hired "peacekeeper."

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"Whatever your situation, we want to remind every freedom-loving, border-hating worker out there that when we stand together, we can defeat ICE, and we can show the whole working class that we have the power to win."

https://www.blackrosefed.org/keep-ice-out-workplace-guide/

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• Jun 19

"It was clear to myself and my friends that the police were out for revenge for the humiliation they faced the previous weekend when they were truly overwhelmed."

https://ineditas.noblogs.org/post/2025/i-c-e-city-wide-los-angeles-goes-up/

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• Jun 19

Happy #Juneteenth!

In celebration we're sharing some older IGD episodes that look at the vast and deep history of resistance to slavery, white supremacy, the fall of the Confederacy, and attacks on the plantation system.

First, check out our special 'take over' episode of It Could Happen Here, that looks at the mass strikes that happened during the civil war that ended slavery: https://itsgoingdown.org/its-going-down-takes-over-it-could-happen-here/

Next, we spoke with author Keri Leigh Merritt about the fall of the Confederacy, the Free State of Jones, and the role that mass desertions played in the collapse of this authoritarian ethno-state. Listen here: https://itsgoingdown.org/collapsing-the-ethno-state-a-conversation-with-keri-leigh-merritt/

Last up, check out our interview with Modibo Kadalie and Andrew Zonneveld on Maroon resistance, the Great Dismal Swamp, and much more! Listen here: https://itsgoingdown.org/modibo-kadalie-on-capitalism-slavery-and-the-rise-of-maroon-resistance-in-the-great-dismal-swamp/

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A long-time local activist in Salt Lake City is in jail - after being shot by hired #NoKings protest security, who opened fire on him, shooting and killing another demonstrator.

In recent years, as councilor of ecology and environment in Ocumicho, Paz Zamora has led massive reforestation efforts in the community and organized brigades to combat forest fires. She has defended the forests from logging and organized crime as well as struggled against avocado mono crops. Her constant struggle has been one in defense of life.

The criminalization of María Cruz Paz Zamora can only be understood within the context and history of Ocumicho; a community in resistance in defense of their ancestral territory. In the last five years the community has suffered a series of acts of violence and aggression: on May 31, 2020, armed men assassinated the Secretary of Communal Lands Prudencio Ortiz Alonso in an attack that also left the Representative of Communal Lands injured; on April 28, 2022, the Coordinator of the Communal Government Esteban Cruz Rosas was disappeared but thanks to rapid mobilization he was located alive; on November 11, 2022, the community was attacked by an armed group; and on December 10 of that same year, the Coordinator of the Communal Round Pedro Pascual Cruz was assassinated. All of these cases have been denounced to the Michoacán Public Prosecutor's Office. However, in this institution, the paradox of impunity prevails: the guilty go free and the innocent are imprisoned.

Thus, to mark one years since the unjust detention of the compañera María Cruz, we demand her freedom. She is an Indigenous political prisoner and we invite the Indigenous communities, as well as social and student organizations and unions, to be attentive to the situation, to accompany the mobilizations that we will be calling for until she is released.

Supreme Indigenous Council of Michoacán (CSIM)

Tenant Power Melts ICE

June 5, 2025

Report from *Bay Tenant TANC Talk*, a publication from Tenant and Neighborhood Councils (TANC). See the full issue, here.

On May 1st 2025, TANC took the streets to celebrate International Workers Day with class siblings across the Bay Area and around the world. Bottomlined by our Tenants Against Policing (TAP) working group, dozens of tenant unionists raised handmade banners, chanted slogans of empowerment, then smashed a piñata of an Immigrant and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.) vehicle in front of an I.C.E. office to show our solidarity with communities under immediate attack.

May Day demonstrations in the United States often only fleetingly and ritualistically express commitment to class struggle. But we can center attacks on the working class in these celebrations. 2006's Day Without an Immigrant / Great American Boycott memorably brought on strike and into the streets millions of immigrants and citizens to demand an end to the xenophobic assaults of the right-wing politicians in and outside the Bush Jr. administration.

Trump's executive orders supercharge Bush Jr.'s (and Obama's and Biden's) anti-immigrant policies to terrorize residents foreign and domestic. His administration has black-bagged non-citizens for the crime of demanding an end to Israel's US-backed genocide in Gaza; deported hundreds to indefinite detention in black sites off US soil; and promised to expand detention facilities domestically. Locally, the Department of Homeland Security may repurpose the Dublin Federal Correctional Institution and/or the nearby Travis Air Force Base for additional camps.

It is no surprise, then, that this year's May Day centered defense of and solidarity with immigrant communities, workers, and neighbors. Recognizing the threats and cutting our losses from a previous campaign, I and other anti-police tenant organizers began meeting months before May to strategically shift from fighting a Cop City project in San Pablo to fighting detention facility expansion in the region. TAP's planning pinpointed our goals for May Day:

1. Coalesce disparate organizing efforts. We wanted to gather organizers across Locals, as well as those new to the union entirely, and thought a clear action would aid collaboration.

2. Structure-test our outreach and connections with surrounding communities, identifying key organizers in neighborhoods throughout the region who could mobilize their neighbors.

3. Visibly represent TANC to make contact with prospective new union members at the march. So how did we do? We undoubtedly got to know and work with each other better, and brought outside organizers into the tenant union (1). We coordinated a powerful art build, made media to share, and led an outreach effort in Fruitvale facilitated by connections with a local restaurateur. TAP built a strong working group with unionists across the region, and we plan to keep up the momentum together.

Unfortunately, we did not mobilize many neighbors to join the march (2). But some organizers did mobilize and politicize communities outside the union. Specifically, special praise must be given to the Chinese Language Justice Mixer and Kevin (Central Local), one of its lead coordinators. After months of building relationships with leftist Mandarin speakers across the Bay Area, frequent mixer attendees painted banners and marched as a bloc on May Day. This translation of "third" spaces into political action is inspiring—building working class culture—and we hope to see such efforts replicated and expanded.

Finally, TANC unmistakably made an impression at the march (3). Thanks to preparations by West/North's Kandake we shared dozens of granola bars and bottles of water with parched, hungry marchers. Central's Ryder fired up a crowd of thousands before East of Lake's Bri dangled our I.C.E.-van cardboard effigy for smashing. After hits by TANC, SEIU, and other community members, it broke, raining stickers, buttons, and finally happened. Crowds gathered in response to ICE raids in several neighborhoods. This was followed by protests night after night outside of the Metropolitan Detention Center, where arrested migrants were being held.

Efforts to blockade ICE raids and the detention center led to clashes with the police. Crowds spread throughout downtown and other neighborhoods. Protesters blocked streets and highways, fought police with stones and fireworks, built barricades, and set several cars on fire. On Sunday night, the chief of police announced that the LAPD was overwhelmed. Trump had already decided to send in the National Guard and, soon after, the Marines.

The explosion was always going to begin in Los Angeles. But now that the fire has started, it is beginning to expand. Protests have spread to dozens of cities across the country. Upwards of a thousand arrests, and counting. Texas and Missouri have deployed the National Guard.

Unrest has now spread inside immigrant detention centers. A riot inside of Delaney Hall Detention Facility in Newark, New Jersey led to several migrants tearing down a wall and escaping. The detention center, which has just reopened, might close.

What follows are some lessons from the battle of Los Angeles that could prove useful today, as the movement to stop the deportation machine begins to spread and deepen.

I. *Protests are only effective by being disruptive.* The movement against ICE has been the most important challenge to the new Trump administration. By disrupting the deportation machine, the movement reveals the only source of power that everyday people have.

II. *To continue being effective, disruption must spread.* Unrest spread from neighborhood to neighborhood in Los Angeles, and then to dozens of cities across the country. But protests are now largely contained within small sectors in downtown areas. If it is going to succeed, the movement must continue expanding throughout each city and across the country, pulling in wider layers of society.

III. *Blockade everything.* During the battle of Los Angeles, blockades spread from neighborhoods to the Metropolitan Detention Center, and then to highways and trainlines. Soon barricades were scattered throughout downtown. As the movement expands, blockades must continue to spread from neighborhoods to detention centers, highways and public transit lines, and then to airports and other infrastructure across the country.

IV. *Power is logistic; it resides in infrastructure.* The deportation machine requires infrastructure and a vast logistical apparatus. These logistics can be studied, and the infrastructure mapped out. This will reveal chokepoints and open possibilities for new tactics.

V. *A consistent rhythm gives the movement something to orient itself around, allowing for broader self-organization.* Detention centers and federal buildings are symbolic and infrastructural. Protests at these buildings each night can open space for a diverse and self-organized movement to grow. But this has its limits. It can easily trap participants in an exhausting war of attrition with diminishing returns.

VI. *The entire city is a terrain of struggle.* Spreading unrest throughout the city will disrupt the function of the deportation machine. This is the case even when protesters are not directly blocking deportation infrastructure.

VII. *Spontaneity is often already organized.* Movements mobilize people on the basis of how they are already organized in everyday life. Behind the spontaneity of riots are layers of invisible organization. The people that set things in motion in Los Angeles were organized in a variety of ways, including Whatsapp groups, families, tenant associations, and gangs.

VIII. *How momentum is sustained is a matter of organization.* Uprisings are often spontaneous. But organization can contribute to their circulation, extension, and intensity. Crowds began to spontaneously gather in response to ICE raids in Los Angeles. Then activist groups called for protests at the detention center. This helped sustain momentum and spread activity throughout the city. Protests will continue to emerge as a spontaneous response to raids. But the movement will need to learn how to take its own initiative and set its own rhythm.

IX. *Activists can contribute to how this movement spreads.* Communication channels that are clear, reliable, trustworthy, and consistent are key. This will contribute to growing the numbers of participants and building an ecology in which many layers of initiative and self-organization are possible.

X. *These events reveal that a new layer of militants has emerged.* According to the chief of the LAPD, the crowds in Los Angeles were full of "anarchists" that travel between different moments of social unrest. It is worth remembering that a generation in Los Angeles and elsewhere gained experience in street tactics through defending the student encampments last year.

XI. *Determined crowds can overwhelm the police.* The LAPD was overwhelmed by crowds that were combative, but also diverse, creative, unpredictable, decentralized, and spread out.

XII. *Repression can cause protests to spread.* Deploying the National Guard sometimes brings unrest to an end. But other times it leads to protests becoming more widespread and intense as more and more people come into the streets.

XIII. *A revolutionary situation opens up when the armed forces are deployed into the streets.* We have not reached the level of crisis yet. But it is necessary to begin to consider the questions that this raises now.

XIV. *The real infrastructure necessary for the state to carry out mass deportations does not yet exist.* It is being pulled together in a piecemeal fashion. Their aim, for

now, is to create a spectacle. On this stage, they can be defeated.

XV. *The strategy of the Trump administration is to increase polarization and disorder.* Trump is making American cities less governable. This can be turned against them. Often, would-be autocrats are undone by their own mistakes. Uprisings always lead to increased polarization. This is inevitable. But it will later become a limit.

XVI. *Tensions between local governments and the Trump administration created openings for the George Floyd uprisings.* The current movement can benefit from these contradictions. But it is important to prevent the struggle from being redirected into the ballot box. The Bidens, Kamalas, and Newsoms of this world have nothing to offer.

XVII. *Uprisings are often set in motion by a particular social group.* But the social base then needs to expand for it to succeed. The struggle to defeat or abolish ICE began in migrant communities. But it will need to expand, pulling in much wider layers of society, for it to succeed.

XVIII. *Governments learn from the success and failures of social unrest. Insurgents will need to do the same.* Trump has often complained about not sending the National Guard into Minneapolis earlier. If the federal government is going to be more rapid and proactive in intervening in local unrest, riots might have a smaller window of opportunity in which to go. Insurgents will need to learn how to have the confidence and capacity to take bold actions and act decisively.

XIX. *The future belongs to the daring.* The movement must seize and maintain the initiative, imposing its rhythm on events. Once an uprising has begun, the movement must act with the greatest determination, and by all means, without fail, take the offensive. Take the enemy by surprise and seize the moment when their forces are scattered. Strive for daily successes, however small, and at all costs retain superior morale.

XX. *No one way works. It will take all of us, shoving at the thing from all sides, to bring it down.*

XXI. *"Two, three, many Los Angeles."* It will take the opening of new fronts and the spread of increasingly disruptive tactics to pull the emergency brake on the deportation machine. The choice ahead is clear: deportation or insurrection.

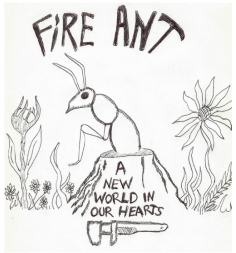
Fire Ant Journal #19 Out Now!

June 14, 2025

Announcing a new issue of *Fire Ant*, a journal by and about anarchist prisoners.

Fire Ant journal for anarchist prisoners is back! We've got letters from Michael Kimble and Anson Chi as well as June 11th statements from Michael, Marius Mason, and Ryan Roberts.

- *Fire Ant* PDF for Reading
- *Fire Ant* PDF for Printing



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Don't Let LA Stand Alone: A Message to the Gathering Resistance

June 13, 2025

Over the past week, tens of thousands of people have taken to the streets of Los Angeles, fighting to defend their neighborhoods and family members from ICE, facing off with the National Guard to demand those imprisoned by DHS be released, and fiercely pushing back against the brutality of the LAPD. This bravery has been inspiring, especially in the face of bloodthirsty attacks by the state.

> Following violent raids on multiple workplaces, thousands have taken to the streets of #LosAngeles against ICE as Trump has sent in the National Guard. Police have injured multiple journalists and @seiu.org leader, David Huerta. Our roundup of spreading protests. itsgoingdown.org/national-gua...
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> — It's Going Down (@igd.bsky.social) 2025-06-09T08:53:39.550Z

Meanwhile, across the country, thousands more are taking action in solidarity, rallying outside of ICE prisons, shutting down courthouses to stop deportations, demonstrating in support of an SEIU union leader who was brutalized and arrested, kicking agents out of hotels, and demanding corporations cuts ties with ICE.

A groundswell is building - both against the Trump regime and the Democratic party, as millions reject the targeting of pro-Palestinian anti-war activists and massive attacks on social services, labor unions, and healthcare amid an escalating push towards authoritarianism.

A White Nationalist Agenda

The Trump administration's assault on migrant workers doesn't come out of nowhere - and it isn't in response to "crime." It's being directed by Stephen Miller, a white nationalist who attended Duke University alongside neo-Nazi leader Richard Spencer, infamous for organizing the deadly "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, VA. Alongside Spencer, Miller organized speaking events for white supremacist thought leaders and after leaving college, he began working for Republican politicians. In the lead-up to the Trump presidency, Miller promoted white nationalist publications and groups to further his attacks on immigrants. The *New York Times* quoted Trump as saying that, "If it

with law enforcement."

Read the full report here.

Grand Rapids, MI

> Also not covered by local news yet - apparently ICE was in place to arrest people showing up for their check-in appointments at a small office near downtown Grand Rapids. Reddit was all over it, community response warned people about what was going down, and had success. ICE and GRPD backed off?
>
> — wizardkitten (@wizardkitten.bsky.social) 2025-06-07T10:02:41.626Z

On June 4th, community members mobilized in support of people threatened by ICE in Grand Rapids. As one local report documented:

> On Wednesday, GR Rapid Response to ICE received a call from someone who was accompanying an immigrant to their ICE check-in appointment, only to find out that ICE had arrested the person.
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> People who attended a GR Rapid Response to ICE training began arriving around noon. There were people standing outside the building to let people who were coming for an appointment know what was happening, plus several people went inside the building and into the ISAP office to alert those waiting that ICE was taking people.
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> Because GR Rapid Response to ICE members refused to leave, the ISAP office manager then said that everyone needed to leave. In this instance people complied and they promptly locked the door behind us. This provided those with GR Rapid Response to ICE an opportunity to speak with those who came for appointments, provide them with out ICE Alert phone number and other ways we could support those who were being threatened by ICE.
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> For the next 2 hours the community that had shown up to the call to defend members of the immigrant community, continued to be vigilant and see if any of the people who had earlier appoints in the ISAP office would be released. One by one people who had earlier appointments walked out the front door, where they were greeted with applause and hugs. Several of the people who were released felt that their release was due to the fact that GR Rapid Response to ICE was present with numbers.
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> Not everyone was fortunate on this day. We found out that on Wednesday morning, people who had earlier appointments were taken by ICE, most likely to the Calhoun County Jail in Battle Creek. You can see video here of ICE agents taking someone just as GR Rapid Response to ICE was arriving.

Read the full report here.

Milford, MA

> Coverage of student walkout in support of Marcelo Gomes, the high school junior that ICE kidnapped on his way to volleyball practice Saturday morning. I'm pulling the photos out in the comments bc I want to make sure you guys can see the signs & shirts that these kids made.
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> — this corrosion (@roguesecunit.bsky.social) 2025-06-03T05:05:04.484Z

In Milford, MA, students held a series of protests and walkouts to demand the release of Marcelo Gomes, after he was abducted by ICE on his way to volleyball practice. After escalating outcry and protests, Silva was released back into the community.

New York, NYC

> NYC/06/07While all eyes were on LA this happened in NYC. Several protesters were arrested outside 26 Federal Plaza after clashes with NYPD during an anti-ICE demonstration. The protest targeted recent immigration enforcement actions and arrests inside federal courthouses. This continues today...
>
> — MadGreek (@madgreek2024.bsky.social) 2025-06-08T19:41:58.445Z

Protests have been ongoing on New York, after a series of ICE actions led to a blockade of ICE vans and arrests of up to 20 protesters. Students at "two dozen high schools across the city walked out of class...in a protest of federal policies that they said threaten their and their classmates' futures." On June 7th, police arrested several people after a crowd of over 100 mobilized in an attempt to block ICE vans from entering a federal facility.

Indigenous Purépecha Forest Defender María Cruz Paz Zamora Marks One Year in Prison

June 7, 2025

Statement from the Supreme Indigenous Council of Michoacán (CSIM) demanding freedom for Indigenous Purépecha political prisoner María Cruz Paz Zamora

On June 5, 2024, María Cruz Paz Zamora was arbitrarily detained by orders from the Michoacán Public Prosecutor's Office. María Cruz is a delegate of the National Indigenous Congress (CNI), member of the Supreme Indigenous Council of Michoacán (CSIM), Councilor of the first Communal Government of Ocumicho, and defender of the forest, Purépecha culture, and life.

Her detention took place paradoxically on World Environmental Day. In our state of Michoacán, defending the forest can cost you your life, or your freedom. In this context, María Cruz was falsely accused of a crime she didn't commit. We maintain that the Mexican state, far from its official statements and discourses, continues repressing and criminalizing those who truly defend communal territory, forests, and mother earth.

scene, leaving the federal agencies on their own to deal with the growing angry and confused crowd—confusion being the word of the day.

By the time I arrived, the federal agents had already left, chased away by the angry crowd. One person had apparently been detained but eventually released. Videos posted to social media show that a couple projectiles were thrown at the retreating feds, but nothing sustained, and none of them hit the intended targets. We heard a rumor of police using an irritant dispersal agent or chemical weapons, and this was eventually confirmed: federal agents apparently shot pepper balls at the crowd that was chasing them away.

A few moments after I arrived, a small group of people decided to attempt to block the intersection of Bloomington Avenue and Lake Street where the raid had taken place.

In short, it was a confusing and harrowing day involving upsetting events but also moments of inspiration and potential. A raid similar to this one just took place in San Diego, California with an almost identical response. Federal agents arrived, conducted their operation, miscalculated how the crowd would react, escalated with crowd control munitions (in that case, flash-bang grenades), then retreated when those measures had the opposite of their intended effect.

The most powerful weapon the authorities wield against us is fear, intensified by the fog of war and the confusion of having to process so much unverified information at once. Whatever happens, we should remain calm, analyze what is happening, verify information that is circulating, assess the situation, and tailor our response to it. We have to resist efforts to provoke us, lest we play into their hands. At the same time, the most positive aspect of today's events was how quickly so many people were able to mobilize, forcing the feds to turn tail and run. Here's hoping we never have to deal with this again—or that, if we do, we come back twice as hard.

Another account posted to *CrimethInc.* reported:

> On a few occasions, the federal agents and Hennepin County Sheriffs Officers deployed pepper-ball munitions and pepper spray. I did not see MPD do so. A woman fainted and fell on Bloomington and was later transported to the hospital. I didn't see the exact circumstances that led to that. As the bulk of the feds were working away from the scene, [MPD police chief Brian] O'Hara arrived. After the federal agents extricated themselves, MPD rapidly left as well, leaving the crowd milling about in a stunned state. After accounting for my people as best I could, I departed at 1:20 pm. I did not see anyone from the business detained and I did not see anyone in custody taken from the scene.
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> My working assumption is that this was a pretext to launch a large militarized display of force on Lake Street. I'm unsure if they understood how provocative the location was or whether they anticipated the degree of resistance they encountered. They were not prepared to carry out a large number of arrests or to do effective crowd control and frankly put themselves in a vulnerable situation. I also can't say how aware MPD was of the operation. They did not seem like they were prepared to do crowd control either. In conclusion, it was a mess.

Read the full report on *CrimethInc.* here.

Chicago, IL

> It was a frantic day for Chicagoans yesterday as ICE operations in the city escalated. Agents abducted a longtime organizer at an ICE check-in site, and separated families inside immigration court. City council members and activists tried to halt the vans.CPD was there:
>
> — unraveled (@unraveledpress.com) 2025-06-05T23:41:14.523Z

In Chicago, clashes took place between ICE and community members who mobilized after reports of state officials detaining individuals in the South Loop. *Unraveled* reported:

> The spontaneous check-ins were reportedly part of ISAP (Intensive Supervision Appearance Program), an ICE-led case management initiative designed to provide an alternative to detention for individuals determined to be a low flight risk.
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> Rapid response protesters were joined by elected officials in an attempt at civil disobedience, but were eventually shoved aside by masked ERO/ICE agents in body armor to make way for unmarked white vans.
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> Agents brandished collapsible batons at the crowd, and one carried what appeared to be a dispenser for less-than-lethal rounds.
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> Journalists recorded Chicago police officers at the scene early on. It's unclear when and how they first arrived, but a CPD spokesperson claimed it was in response to an "officer assist" call.
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> These actions could reasonably be interpreted as a violation of the Illinois TRUST Act, which prohibits police departments statewide from "providing on-site support to federal immigration agents, including by coordinating arrests in public facilities, transporting any individuals or establishing a security or traffic perimeter."
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> At one point during the hearings, agents nearly arrested a court interpreter in a case of mistaken identity. They separated a husband from his wife, who is an American citizen. She said he has been living in the United States for over two years, which disqualifies him for expedited removal. ICE also told an attorney who asked to see their warrant and tried to speak with her client she was "interfering

was up to Mr. Miller, there would be only 100 million people in this country, and they would all look like Mr. Miller."

> We feed you.They hunt us.
>
> — United Farm Workers (@ufw.bsky.social) 2025-06-11T05:05:34.591Z

Now, Miller is putting his dream of mechanized ethnic cleansing into practice - ramping up deportations, ripping apart families, throwing people into deadly detention camps, and preparing to send thousands to Guantanamo Bay, while hundreds more remain locked inside a slave-labor prison in El Salvador. The Trump administration has terminated protected status for hundreds of thousands of asylum seekers and refugees while demanding that ICE begin targeting "non-criminals" by raiding workplaces, churches, and schools and arresting those attending court hearings, all in an effort to boost deportation numbers. If we do nothing, the horrors we refuse to confront today will be turned on us tomorrow.

Trump is Not All Powerful

The threats we face from the Trump administration are real. Trump wants to consolidate power for authoritarian ends, build a massive techno-police state, push the US towards open war, silence journalists, jail protesters, and target his opponents while enriching himself and the corporate elite. While the threat that Trump poses cannot be ignored, he also isn't all powerful. His coalition is already cracking and his poll numbers are tanking. Conditions are getting worse, prices continue to rise, and people are desperate. More importantly, resistance - just like during his first term - *is growing.*

> Just printed a bunch of copies in a rainbow of colors to give out at a local No Kings rally! 🌈
>
> — Laura (@tutusntinyhats.bsky.social) 2025-06-12T15:00:55.263Z

In 2017, it was massive social struggles and popular revolt that set a limit on Trump's agenda. At the start of his first term, mass protests shut down airports in response to the racist Muslim Ban. Mass antifascist action from Berkeley to Charlottesville shut down the Alt-Right, helping to force out key members of Trump's cabinet, like the neo-fascist Steve Bannon. In 2018, Trump's popularity around immigration tanked as images of "kids in cages" rattled even his base, and the Abolish ICE movement threw a collective wrench into the machinery of the deportation machine. By 2020, widespread mutual aid projects stepped up to fill the gaps left by the state's refusal to address the COVID-19 pandemic and in May, a nationwide uprising broke out in response to the police murder of George Floyd, rattling the foundations of US society and contributing to Trump's defeat in 2020.

Already in 2025, Trump's attempts to round up and deport anti-war protesters have hit a wall, with growing protests forcing the state to release multiple international students as well as to return Kilmar Garcia. A wave of ongoing demonstrations, graffiti, and targeted sabotage has also tanked Tesla's image and stock value around the world, helping to push out of the White House the Nazi-saluting billionaire Elon Musk. So-called "Border Czar" Tom Homan has also complained that widespread grassroots organizing - including rapid response networks, Know Your Rights trainings, and explosive demonstrations - have all contributed to obstructing ICE operations. In the face of this mounting pressure, ICE is turning up the heat, but in doing so, they have hit another impasse: *mass resistance.*

LA Can't Fight Alone

In 2020, following the police murder of George Floyd, millions of people took part in one of the largest social upheavals since the Civil War. Cooperating across racial lines, people came together in the streets to physically confront the brutal power of the state in the midst of a pandemic that killed millions of people as the rich celebrated record profits. In the face of murderous vigilantes, heavily militarized cops, and the National Guard, people rose up and opened up space to gather, organize, and defend one another.

Five years later, we face another crisis: the threat of American fascism in the midst of a civilization that is collapsing all around us. We are working more than ever as inflation soars and people cannot afford homes, healthcare, or even food. Wildfires and floods grow worse every year while the ranks of the homeless swell. The only response from both corporate political parties is more police, more prisons, and more repression, while mass media promote conspiracy theories that pit us against each other, inequality explodes, and billionaires push the latest tech dystopia. *The center cannot hold.*

> Seven Steps to Stop ICEcrimethinc.com/zines/seven-...This flier outlines seven projects that you can undertake with your community to build a combative movement capable of resisting the violent attacks of ICE and other federal mercenaries.Please print and distribute!
>
> — CrimethInc. Ex-Workers' Collective (@crimethinc.com) 2025-06-13T07:34:12.746Z

Those in power want to paint our only way forward as a choice between a Trump dictatorship and a neoliberal hellscape. A choice between two competing versions of authoritarian capitalism is no choice at all - *it is a death sentence* People in LA are facing down the National Guard sent in by Trump and thousands of riot police and a city-wide curfew, put in place by Democrats.

Like the people taking the streets in Los Angeles, we must choose a third option: fighting our way out and building a new way of life based on cooperation and direct control over the means of existence.

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Unsplash

National Guard Sent Into Los Angeles as Thousands Hit the Streets Against ICE; SEIU President David Huerta Injured and Arrested

June 9, 2025

The Trump administration has federalized and sent in hundreds of National Guard soldiers to Los Angeles, CA, following ongoing popular protests against a series of violent ICE raids on June 6th and 7th which detained and imprisoned multiple workers from various job sites in military style operations.

This is the first time since the LA rebellion in 1992 that the US government has federalized National Guard troops against the domestic population, however the National Guard have been used by both Democratic and Republican governments in the recent past to target popular social movements, such as at Standing Rock and during the George Floyd Rebellion in the summer of 2020.

> solidarity with those on the ground in los angeles today resisting ICE! 🏴🖤🔥
>
> — No Future Distro (@nofuturedistro.bsky.social) 2025-06-07T05:49:24.306Z

The recent deployment of National Guard troops is coupled with increasing calls from the Trump administration to also bring in active duty Marines, which are currently "prepared to deploy if needed," to further police the city and put down demonstrations, as Trump officials call for arresting Democratic officials, invoking the Insurrection Act, and suspending habeas corpus.

> California National Guard with riot shields pushed the protesters into the streets. Tear gas deployed and pellets exploded on the street. Didn't see any arrests, though there was some shoving back and forth with the shields.
>
> — James Queally (@jqwritesstuff.bsky.social) 2025-06-08T20:08:53.264Z

The ensuing demonstrations in Los Angeles, which saw hundreds mobilize outside of a downtown federal detention center, led to fierce clashes with law enforcement on June 6th, erupting again the next day, when ICE began tear-gassing community members outside of a Home Deport during another immigration raid in Paramount, CA.

During the ongoing clashes, multiple people and journalists were injured, including David Huerta, leader of the Service Employee International Union (SEIU) in California, who still remains in police custody.

> We refuse to stay silent while ICE terrorizes working class communities. We are turning out and standing united in solidarity with @seiuca.bsky.social calling on the release of SEIU President David Huerta!
>
> — California Federation of Labor Unions (@californialabor.bsky.social) 2025-06-07T00:57:14.053Z

According to *TruthOut*:

> A video posted by Essayli alongside his statement appears to show the moment Huerta is pushed over by ICE agents amid a chaotic scene on a sidewalk where officers are clearing an area in front of a gate for an approaching van.
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> Separate footage from a different angle shows Huerta going down backward due to a forceful push by the officers and landing with his neck and head on a hard concrete curb.
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> In a post on social media, SEIU California said: "Let's be clear: ICE injured and detained the president of SEIU California for peacefully observing. ICE picked the wrong side. The wrong state. The wrong person. and the wrong union. David Huerta stood up. And 750,000 SEIU workers are standing with him."
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> The police advanced and threw tear gas. They then started firing at point blank at people.
>
> — Joey Scott (@joeyneverjoe.bsky.social) 2025-06-09T02:47:31.906Z

Demonstrations continued on into the night on June 8th, after thousands of people again converged on the federal detention center, clashing with heavily armed federal agents, National Guard troops, and the LAPD. Demonstrators then blocked a major freeway and have continued marching through the streets late into the night.

National Guard troops are expected to remain in Los Angeles for upwards of 30 days for continued "ICE enforcement." According to *PBS*, the troops have been place in "three separate locations in the greater Los Angeles area."

> Police come back to stop the protesters. Causing more protesters to face them. Heavy presence of cops under overpass. Cars honk to support protesters.
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> — LorennaCleary.bsky.social (@lorennacleary.bsky.social) 2025-06-08T23:12:31.103Z

These recent events take place amid a growing chorus of action and anger in the streets against heavily militarized ICE raids over the past week, as the Trump administration has ramped up its push for mass deportations. In response, communities have mobilized in opposition, facing off with heavily armed federal agents and local police, who in many instances, have shown up to put down growing protests, often despite so-called sanctuary laws. These actions have lead to multiple confrontations, violent arrests, and angry locals pushing ICE and other federal troops out of various neighborhoods.

> Impossible to post all of the videos from today but here's LAPD unloading dozens of rounds at the barricade. They did this for over an hour.
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> — People's City Council - Los Angeles (@pplscitycouncil.bsky.social) on the confrontation:
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> A large crowd began to gather and witnessed one individual being placed into a federal vehicle. Cody said agents then started taking people out through the back of the restaurant to avoid the crowd.
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> The crowd surrounded the agents, yelling profanities and calling them fascists. Many people recorded the agents and the license plates of their vehicles.
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> At one point, a group blocked an unmarked vehicle carrying agents from leaving the intersection at 30th and Beech Streets. After activating the sirens multiple times without success, agents used what appeared to be a smoke device to disperse the crowd.

The following day, community members mobilized to hold a protest against ICE and state repression.

> Veterans are mobilizing - against the police state."Demonstrators, including military veterans, gathered outside Camp Pendleton on Sunday to protest the potential deployment of active-duty military personnel to Los Angeles following recent immigration raids..." www.cbs8.com/article/news...
>
> — It's Going Down (@igd.bsky.social) 2025-06-09T05:35:42.431Z

Also of note, on June 8th outside of Camp Pendleton, protesters including veterans, organized a rally decrying deployment of military personnel in Los Angeles. As *CBS* reported:

> Demonstrators expressed support for the military while opposing the use of active-duty personnel against civilians. Patrick Saunders, another veteran who organized the demonstration, urged Marines to consider the legality of potential orders.

Read the full report here.

Minneapolis, MN

Minneapolis to Feds: "Get the Fuck Out"An array of federal agencies attempted to carry out a coordinated raid in Minneapolis on June 3. Locals surrounded them, forcing them to retreat.We share two firsthand accounts of these events and some strategic reflections on how best to resist such raids.

> — CrimethInc. Ex-Workers' Collective (@crimethinc.com) 2025-06-04T10:08:56.403Z

On June 3rd, hundreds mobilized in Minneapolis, after ICE, FBI, and a phalanx of other federal agencies were reported staging outside of a local Mexican restaurant. As *Unicorn Riot* reported:

> Dozens of federal agents in a newly minted federal task force raided a business on East Lake Street in South Minneapolis on Tuesday morning (June 3) and were quickly met with a raucous crowd amid toxic smoke conditions from Canadian wildfires. The crowd of up to 200 people grew through the day under the impression an immigration raid was underway, at times blocking federal vehicles from vacating alleys and streets. Federal agents responded violently by shooting pepper balls and unleashing pepper spray; personnel from the FBI and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Special Response Teams (SRT) were filmed shoving people. Mobilized community members eventually pressured the federal agents out of the neighborhood, while Minneapolis police officers provided crowd control.
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> Inside the new **"Homeland Security Task Force"** (HSTF) network, the lead agency is Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), one of two divisions inside ICE. The other division of ICE, Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) - which targets immigrants for deportation - was also involved, according to Jamie Holt, HSI's acting special agent in charge in Minnesota. Holt said this was the debut action of the HSTF in the state.
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> Some had labels on their gear that caught people's attention such as name patches that only said "The Others" and a Special Response Team badge with a Viking compass design called a Vegsivir. Such Nordic designs are sometimes associated with racist and neo-nazi beliefs like those of Asatru Folk Assembly. A recent Valknot tattoo spotted on an ICE agent during an immigration raid in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts raised similar concerns.

Read the full report here.

> we have more new unreported info on Unicorn Riot about "homeland security task forces". @unicornriot.bsky.social unicornriot.ninja/2025/ice-led...
>
> — hongpong (@hongpong.bsky.social) 2025-06-06T15:23:25.252Z

A report posted on *CrimethInc.* discussed the community response, which saw hundreds surrounding law enforcement, chanting, "Get the fuck out!," writing graffiti slogans on their vehicles, and eventually pushing them out of the neighborhood, leading to violent attacks from police and clashes with the crowd. From one account:

> This raid took place four years to the day after a federal Justice Department task force conducted a raid on a parking garage in the south Minneapolis neighborhood of Uptown, shooting and killing Winston Smith.
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> A crowd quickly formed outside the restaurant, including trained observers from immigrants' rights legal activist groups and independent media—and also local politicians[1] intent on de-escalating the situation. The federal agents were assisted by Hennepin County Sheriffs Officers and Minneapolis Police Department officers, despite verbal assurances from the city government that Minneapolis is a "sanctuary city" and will not assist in federal immigration enforcement operations or deportation operations. MPD and HCSO eventually left the

Hundreds of people started trickling in, strobing flashlights in the eyes of the federal agents and yelling chants and insults at the riot line.

Even though people had been at actions all day, the energy was high, attracting passersby and random Dodgers fans to join in. The crowd took the street and blocked the entrances once again as things started getting rowdy. This time, LAPD wasn't present, so the federal agents prepared to try to push the people out themselves.

Participants in the crowd tagged the armored ICE vehicle and begin jumping up and down on it while an LRAD was blaring. Someone tagged "FUCK ICE" and spray painted the cameras on a Waymo self-driving car. No organizations were present except a strong contingent from the Los Angeles Tenants Union, who were present for every action in the course of the day.

The federal agents decided that the parking lot was too difficult to hold and began to retreat. The crowd seized the opportunity to block them off, throwing fireworks and rocks, bottles, and, somehow, ceramic plates. The FBI threw a few flash-bang grenades and tear gas canisters in response, but the spirits of those standing up to them remained high.

People began to smash the windows on the feds' cars. At that point, ICE decided to leave, and a celebration began in the street. More fireworks were set off in a jubilant atmosphere. People partied momentarily before drifting home, heartened by a small victory after a horrifying and dehumanizing day in the so-called United States.

The protesters have turned on the Waymos

— James Queally (@jqwritesstuff.bsky.social) 2025-06-09T00:22:09.049Z

The next day, demonstrations again kicked off in Paramount, CA, after ICE began an operation outside of a Home Depot and began shooting projectiles at community members in the area. As the *World Socialist Website* reported:

> Federal agents have shot hundreds, if not thousands of tear gas canisters throughout the neighborhood, blanketing the area in white clouds of stinging smoke that are causing residents to evacuate their homes. Several people have suffered serious injuries due to tear gas and rubber bullets fired by agents.
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> The multi-hour stand-off between protesters and agents began Saturday morning after immigration Gestapo attempted to seize a group of day laborers outside the Home Depot.
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> In the course of the ongoing raid and protest, federal agents, including US marshals and CPB agents, have fired thousands of rubber bullets, pepper balls and tear gas grenades at overwhelmingly peaceful protesters, bystanders and observers. Despite the violence meted out by the police, protesters continue to stand their ground in opposition to militarized, masked government agents seizing workers, family members and friends.
>
> Many Border Patrol vehicles and other unmarked cars just exited the anti-ICE protest area in Paramount, California. They were met with fierce resistance from protesters, with a number of vehicles being visibly damaged.

— Jeremy Lindenfeld (@jeremotographs.bsky.social) 2025-06-07T19:08:55.092Z

Clashes in Paramount continued for hours, with ICE finally retreating from the area under a barrage of rocks from local community members.

> I was watching this live on a livestream, absolute warfare in the streets. Urban guerilla warfare.

— Ⓐutonomy Lover✊🏴‍☠️ (@hicnihil161.bsky.social) 2025-06-09T06:42:33.316Z

The next day as the National Guard began to deploy to the MDC, thousands again mobilized to march on the facility, calling for ICE and the National Guard to leave, and for those arrested by DHS to be released. Clashes erupted against when police and the military attacked with projectiles, leading to more back and forth engagements. Demonstrators then began to block the 101 freeway, and police cars were also pelted with rocks. Reportedly, multiple Waymo driver-less taxis were also vandalized and set on fire. Clashes with police lasted into the night. Demonstrators also rallied outside of a local hotel where ICE agents were staying at, pushing the establishment to expel the agents.

> Here is the entire start to finish video of how we kicked ICE out of the AC Hotel in #Pasadena on 6/8/2025 - #NoIce #Pasadena #Protest CC: @maddow.msnbc.com

— Michael Washington (@adefwebserver.com) 2025-06-09T01:49:17.962Z

San Diego, CA

> More from San Diego where ICE attacked US citizens confronting them, they shot smoke bombs at people, as they fled to their vans.

— Anonymous (@youranoncentral.bsky.social) 2025-06-03T15:44:48.543Z

On May 30th, ICE agents and local police in San Diego, CA deployed flash bang grenades against community members who surrounded them and blocked ICE vans, when agents attempted to arrest several workers at an Italian restaurant.

Pedro Rios reported on BlueSky:

> ICE discharged 3 flash-bang grenades. The people, even more determined, then pushed ICE agents out of their neighborhood with anti-fascist slogans forcing them to retreat. This is the way it should be everywhere.

Local news outlet *KPBS* reported

2025-06-09T05:11:40.403Z

The Trump administration under the direction of white nationalist Stephen Miller, is pushing for an increase in deportations: upwards of 3,000 people a day, while also working with tech-right companies like Planatir to carry out surveillance, revoking the protected status for hundreds of thousands of asylum seekers and refugees, and rolling out a new Muslim Ban.

A demand for increased deportation numbers is forcing ICE officials to cut corners and make an authoritarian show of force within the wider public. This reality has lead to an rise in viral instances of mask wearing ICE agents targeting working-class people, often those going through the legal motions of the asylum process, such as attending court hearings.

As *Vanity Fair* reported:

> That's been a point of frustration for **Stephen Miller**, the administration's resident anti-immigration zealot. Unsatisfied with the pace of deportations thus far, he has demanded recently that Immigrations and Customs Enforcement make no fewer than 3,000 arrests a day—and threatened to fire officials who hold them back from meeting that quota. They haven't quite hit that, but ICE this week recorded its most detentions in a single day, according to NBC News, arresting more than 2,200 people Tuesday—the result, it seems, of more aggressive tactics by authorities.

Indeed, in recent days, there have been reports across the country of migrants enrolled in alternative to detention programs being arrested after appearing at ICE offices for check-ins. In one instance, on Wednesday, at least 10 were arrested in downtown Chicago, apparently after receiving text messages instructing them to check in with ICE; in a chaotic scene, masked agents loaded detainees into vans as community members, and elected officials, protested.

The escalation comes after Trump officials directed immigration authorities to "turn the creative knob up to 11" and "push the envelope," as the Guardian reported: "If it involves handcuffs on wrists," one official said, "it's probably worth pursuing." It also came as Trump issued a new travel ban Wednesday evening, restricting nationals from 12 countries—Afghanistan, Burma, Chad, Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen—from entering the United States. "We don't want them," Trump said in a video announcing the ban.

More demonstrations are planned on Monday, June 9th, with members of the SEIU labor union rallying in defense of David Huerta and more protests and rallies being called in solidarity with those in Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, protests against ICE facilities, demonstrations in solidarity with migrants in detention, rallies calling for freedom of individuals targeted for deportation, school walkouts in solidarity with detained students, and campaigns demanding that corporations such as Avelo Airlines drop their contracts with ICE, have all increased. Here's a roundup of some of the major confrontations that have taken place in the US in the past week.

Tacoma, WA

> Reminder that farmworker labor organizer Alfredo "Lelo" Juarez Zeferino remains imprisoned by ICE and the labor movement and wider community continues to call for his release and the closure of the horrific Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, WA.

— It's Going Down (@igd.bsky.social) 2025-06-05T07:01:24.172Z

Demonstrations have remained ongoing outside of the Northwest Detention Center, demanding the closure of the facility which regularly sees hunger and work strikes by detainees and ongoing protests in solidarity outside.

Recent demonstrations have demanded the freedom of Alfredo "Lelo" Juarez Zeferino, a farmworker labor organizer targeted by ICE and imprisoned at the facility.

Ongoing protests have resulted in some victories, including the release of Lewelyn Dixon. From one recent report:

> On May 29, 64-year-old Washington permanent resident Lewelyn Dixon was released from the Northwest Detention Center (NWDC). Dixon was met by hundreds of cheering supporters who had relentlessly campaigned for her release. Dixon had spent three months in incarceration at NWDC. She was apprehended by Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport on Feb. 28 while returning from a visit to the Philippines.
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> Dixon's case galvanized members of the labor movement to forge deeper connections; her release came after months of relentless organizing and mobilization by Filipino community members, her labor union SEIU 925 and other allies. The high-profile arrests like Dixon's have sparked many Filipino American organizations to form a new alliance, the Tanggol Migrante Network (TMN). Dixon's with immigration justice networks like TMN. Members of the network visited Dixon on a weekly basis, providing crucial emotional support amid conditions that she described as "hell."

Portland, OR

> 6-3-25 Portland, Oregon protesting the deportation of a Mexican woman here legally with a valid asylum case. OJM is a TransWoman escaping drug cartel threats. OJM was arrested in the PDX Courthouse by ICE. (Tomorrow, people are protesting at the federal courthouse where she was apprehended).

— Cozca (@cozca.bsky.social) 2025-06-04T05:29:06.829Z

Protests in the Portland area are demanding the release of "OJM...a 24-year-old transgender woman from Mexico, where she was abducted and raped because of her gender identity and sexual orientation "at the hands of a dangerous cartel..."

— John Thelefty (@johnnthelefty.bsky.social) 2025-06-08T06:35:31.069Z

On June 4th in Portland, OR, demonstrators were detained by ICE officials after reportedly attempting to block ICE vans. According to *The Oregonian*:

> Federal officials detained three protesters Wednesday at the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in South Portland after they attempted to block a van they believed was headed to Tacoma, according to video and witness accounts.

Protests in Portland remain ongoing outside of the local ICE detention building, the scene of a large scale 'Abolish ICE' encampment in 2018.

San Jose, CA

> 'Build power, not panic': San Jose community marches to protest ICE arrests https://trib.al/9hpjjIA

— East Bay Times (@eastbaytimes.com) 2025-06-06T23:07:48.069887Z

Anti-ICE demonstrators marched on an ICE office, demanding that it close down following raids. From *Yahoo*:

> The initial rally started outside the immigration office in the 400 block of Blossom Hill Road. Participants then marched east on Blossom Hill about a half mile and entered a building housing an ICE office.
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> Anti-ICE chants of "shut ICE down!" echoed through the cramped hallways and stairways as the group made its way to an upper floor of the building in the 300 block of Blossom Hill. Dozens of community organizers and neighbors were determined to close a South San Jose Immigration and Customs Enforcement office.
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> "There's 146 seniors that live here. We don't want them here. They just got here a couple of months ago," said neighbor Irene Madrid Morales, who lives in a senior center next door to the ICE office.

San Francisco, CA

Recent protests have also taken place in San Francisco outside of the local courthouse, following arrests by ICE.

> The Bay Area shows up tonight outside of the ICE building in downtown SF in solidarity with LA and all our immigrant neighbors. #MeltICE #ChingaLaMigra

— Moira Birss (@moira.bsky.social) 2025-06-09T02:15:47.877Z

On June 8th, a demonstration in solidarity with the ongoing protests in Los Angeles also took place, clashing with police, leaving graffiti messages, and breaking the windows of banks.

Los Angeles, CA

> It's the people vs the pigs. ALWAYS. We outnumber them.

— People's City Council - Los Angeles (@pplscitycouncil.bsky.social) 2025-06-08T23:05:30.176Z

Demonstrations exploded against ICE on June 6th, following a series of military styled-raids by various federal agencies. As the *World Socialist Website* reported:

> The raids, which began Friday morning, targeted numerous sites in downtown and central Los Angeles, including the Fashion District, the Westlake District, South Los Angeles and Cypress Park, all areas known for their large immigrant populations and labor-intensive industries...ICE officials were also seen near a school in Koreatown, sparking fear and confusion among students and families.
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> In downtown's Garment and Fashion district near 9th and Towne street, workers were dragged away and thrown into unmarked white vans. Activists in trucks read instructions over a loudspeaker to those detained inside Ambiance Apparel's warehouse, informing them of their rights. Demonstrators attempted to block the convoy of vehicles from leaving, eventually being cleared by pepper spray. Agents are seen in video footage riding on the back of military vehicles as protesters shout for them to leave, throwing objects and denouncing the agents as "fascists" and "pigs."
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> In South Los Angeles a demonstration sprang up at 15th Street and Santa Fe Avenue in response to the detention of workers from Ambiance Apparel. Officers with the LA Police Department (LAPD) established a skirmish line and agents in riot gear attacked the crowd with pepper spray and flash-bang grenades to disperse protesters who were blocking vehicles from leaving with the detained immigrant workers. At least one protester received medical treatment for being pepper-sprayed after being tackled to the ground and forcefully detained.
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> The raids quickly provoked protests which grew to some 500 people who gathered in front of the Metropolitan Detention Center in downtown Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Federal Building, which are adjacent to each other. Federal agents and riot police were called in to disperse the crowd.
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> Crowds of brave people have surrounded the ICE detention centre in Los Angeles. They are trying to liberate victims kidnapped by Trump's regime forces.Victims were abducted and thrown into the basement of the building without due process. #3E

— Anonymous (@youranoncentral.bsky.social) 2025-06-07T04:03:05.306Z

A report from the ground o n *CrimethInc.* went into greater detail about the demonstrations happening as crowds grew in size outside of the Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC):

> On social media, the news spread that ICE was raiding several spots in downtown Los Angeles, Highland Park, and MacArthur Park. Agents had begun to raid a building in the flower district when a spontaneous mob trapped them inside. People blocked every side of the building, every single entrance, so the agents couldn't get out. They had detained a lot of people in the building already and hadn't expected a swarm of 50-100 Angelenos to trap them.
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> Apparently, they expected to be able to conduct a visible raid in downtown Los Angeles without a response from the neighborhood. They were wrong. Of the six or more locations that they raided, that one was in the area with the densest population, just blocks from skid row and a few steps from the Piñata district.
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> A large number of people were at the front entrance blocking ICE from leaving the building. Caught off guard by the crowd, the ICE agents were visibly trying to figure out how to evacuate. Family members of the detained were crying at the doors and the gates, wondering what was going to happen to their loved ones.
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> The federal government had declared war on Los Angeles.
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> ICE ordered in an armored truck with three dozen federal riot police and a fleet of vans in tow. The entrance they wanted to come into was the one being blocked by an SEIU sound truck and they began threatening to tow it. SEIU complied and moved their truck, even going so far as to use their sound system to yell "Get on the sidewalk!" at the crowd. Half of the people listened to them and half didn't, but it was a small enough crowd that that made a significant difference. As a consequence, the armored truck and the vans were able to make it up to the gate.
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> Federal agents in riot gear began trying to push everyone out. The small group who had refused to leave continued to stand their ground, twisting their little riot shields and mocking them. The agents were visibly rattled by the resilience of this group that had somehow assembled within fifteen minutes. In a desperate push, the FBI agents began to throw tear gas canisters into the crowd. Everyone was screaming at the fascist mercenaries as they tried to push back the line. Amid the confusion, the agents managed to clear a path for the vans to enter through the gate.
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> The feds put the detained workers into the van and began to drive out. The crowd tried to stop them but the FBI escalated —snatching protesters and shooting pepper balls and rubber bullets at everyone. One of the vans sped up and struck the president of the California branch of the Service Employees International Union, injuring him. He was then arrested.
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> The crowd got more rowdy, lighting fireworks and throwing debris, water bottles, and cabbage at the mercenaries. The FBI responded with a barrage of flash-bang grenades and rubber bullets and more pepper balls.
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> While that fight continued, someone followed the ICE vans to the Burbank airport, where agents had reportedly claimed that they were bringing a "hockey team." People have been attempting to track the flight and see where it went since.
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> The other detainees were taken to the MDC* (Metro Detention Center) which triggered an action to be called for a couple hours later.
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> Into the afternoon, the crowd continued to grow outside of the MDC building. The report from *CrimethInc.* went on to state:
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> People started amassing at the Metropolitan Detention Center. A press conference took place involving Union Del Barrio, the SEIU, and the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles. Peace policing caused fights between the paid activists and the crowd. The activists ended up leaving and the crowd stayed—tagging everything, smashing windows, breaking things, and being ungovernable. Someone had brought a sledgehammer and was breaking the concrete pillars so that people could use the pieces as projectiles to throw at the police. Someone used a swivel chair as a barricade; another person showed up in a dinosaur suit.
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> The feds were scrambling, throwing everything they could back at the crowd. People were tear-gassed several times, but were neutralizing the effect by putting ice and water on the canisters as well as traffic cones like they did in Chile. Some people were also throwing the canisters back to the Department of Homeland Security agents that were responsible for them. The crowd was extremely lively and brave. Some right-wing internet streamers tried to get into the area, but they were spotted and promptly dealt with.
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> DHS couldn't control the situation. The feds were overwhelmed and begged the Los Angeles Police Department to come save them. Despite LA mayor Karen Bass saying she was "appalled" about the presence of ICE in Los Angeles, the LAPD still showed up in large numbers. A low-flying helicopter was telling people that they would be arrested and issuing dispersal orders as LAPD pushed people away from the building over the next four to five hours. Everyone left covered in pepper ball dust and tear gas.
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> A message circulated to the effect that ICE was spotted staging for a raid in Chinatown. (Later, it turned out that they were planning to hold that parking lot for a press conference for Thomas Homan, Trump's "Border Czar," at 7 am the following morning—a press conference that was apparently cancelled.)